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ADMISSION MADE BY AUSTRIAN ADMIRALTY JUSTIFIES ATTITUDE

Austria Informed Further Details Are Unnecessary in Ancona Discussion.

DEMANDS ARE RENEWED

Continuance of Good Relations Depends Upon Action of Dual Government.

Second American Note Frankly Restates Position.

Washington, Dec. 22. — The reply of the United States to Austria's note on the destruction of the Italian liner Ancona declares that the official admissions of the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander.

Secretary Lansing's second note, already probably in the hands of the Austrian foreign minister, and made public here today, renews the demands of the United States, and says the details to which Austria referred in her reply to the first American communication are in no way essential to the discussion. It emphasizes that continuance of good relations between the two countries depends upon the action of the Austrian government.

Full Text of Note.

The full text of the note which is addressed to American Ambassador Penfield follows:

"The Government of the United States has received the note of Your Excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

"On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiedenek, the Charge d'Affaires of the Imperial and Royal Government at Washington, transmitted to the Department of State a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea.

Government Feels Justified.

"In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured, or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus wilfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized, are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to doubt them and does not understand that the Imperial and Royal Government questions or disputes them.

Renews Definite Demands.

"The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it but to hold the Imperial and Royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demads made in its communication of the 6th of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the Imperial and Royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them."

NOT TO PUBLISH DETAILS.

Text of Germany's Reply to W. P. Frye Note to be Withheld.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Because of its possible bearing upon the open issues involved in the Lusitania and Ancona cases the State Department will not make public the details of Germany's reply to the last American note regarding the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye.

A cabled outline of the German re-

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MADE PROTEST TO TURKISH ATROCITIES

Germany Filed Representations August 9.

TEXT IS MADE PUBLIC

Dr. Barton Takes Von Reventlow to Task for Defending Turkey's Massacre of Armenians in a Recent Statement.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—The German government on August 9 filed at Constantinople a protest against the Turkish treatment of Armenians, according to Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of the National Committee for Armenian and Serbian Relief, who today made public the text of the protest. In a statement Dr. Barton, speaking for the committee, says that Count Ernst von Reventlow, a German naval expert, in a recent statement published in the Tages Zeitung in Germany and cabled to the United States, strongly defends Turkey's massacre of the Armenians on the basis of military necessity and adds:

Widows and Orphans Attacked.

"One wonders whether von Reventlow knows that throughout the length and breadth of the Turkish Empire, after the men (who only were capable of revolution but who according to every known evidence, did not revolt) had nearly all been disposed of, the attack fell upon the widows and orphans, who were driven from their homes by hundreds of thousands, at the point of the bayonet.

"Is it possible that von Reventlow knows that fully one-half of these refugees miserably perished from violence, exposure and starvation?

"He was ignorant of the sickening reports made by many eye witnesses —American, Italian, British, German— civilian and official, who tell of seeing these helpless, inoffensive women and girls brained because they clamored for food, or forced into Islam because per chance they were comely, of women throwing their babies into rivers or over precipices to save them from the impending horror of continued existence.

"He cannot have known that on August 9, of this year, in Constantinople, the German ambassador in the name of his imperiol majesty, filed a protest against these horrors with the Turkish government, couched in the following words:

Text of German Protest.

"The German embassy regrets to have to realize that, according to information received from impartial and reliable sources, acts of violence such as massacres and plunders, which could not be justified by the aim that the imperial government was pursuing instead of being checked by the local authorities, regularly followed the expulsion of Armenians, so that most of them perished before reaching their destination. It is chiefly from the provinces of Trebizond, Diarbekir and Erzeroum that these facts are re-

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CHRISTMAS FOR WALL STREET TO BE BETTER

There Are Many Happy Contrasts From Last Year.

Financial Institutions Distributing Gifts, Bonuses or Pensions Among Their Employes—Celebrations to be Held.

New York, Dec. 22.—Christmas in the financial district will offer many striking and happy contrasts to the same period a year ago when Wall Street had barely emerged from the gloom precipitated by four and a half months of suspended activity on the stock exchange. Banks, trust companies, private banking houses, brokerage firms and institutions of all kinds have profited very generally by the boom in stocks which began with movements in "war brides" early in the year and sent those and kindred securities to prices undreamed of a few months before.

While much of the advance registered by those and other mercurial issues has been forfeited, countless "paper profits" have evaporated into thin air. Wall Street has been and still is very busy and its attendant activity and prosperity are being shared by all, from the humblest "runner" to the mightiest captain of finance or authority.

Many of the financial institutions and banking houses have already distributed gifts or bonuses among their employes for the year and in this process many pension funds have been strengthened and numerous "profit sharing" plans have assumed substan-

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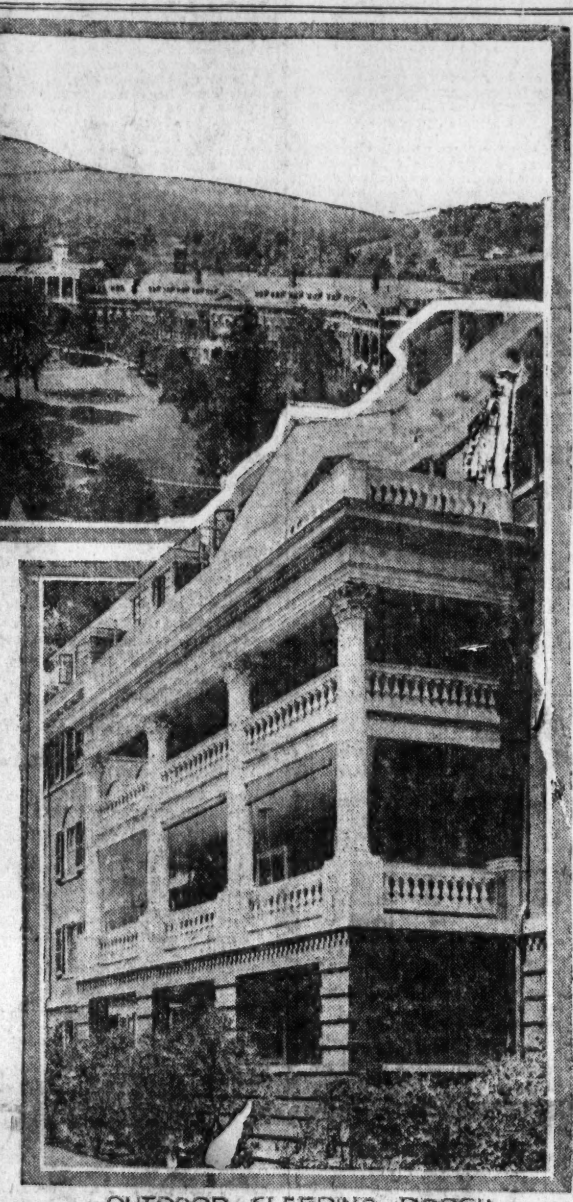
WHERE PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON ARE SPENDING THEIR HONEYMOON.

GENERAL VIEW OF HOTEL GROUNDS.

Here is a general view of the hotel and grounds which are the scene of the honeymoon of President Wilson and his bride. Hot Springs, Va., has long been a favorite place for bridal pairs, and the President found a few of them when he and his bride arrived. Hundreds more have started since they learned they would have such distinguished company.



OUTDOOR SLEEPING PORCH

VARNA, BULGARIA, REPORTED CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS

This, Together With American Note to Austria, Shares Leading Positions in London Papers—French Gain Important Victory Against the Germans in the Vosges.

London, Dec. 23.—The second American note to Austria shared the leading positions in the late London newspapers with the reports of the Russian success at Varna, Bulgaria's chief seaport. The note appeared here too late for extended editorial comment, but the headlines reflected the opinions—"not couched in sharper tone," "all discuss further discussion appears possible," sion about details swept aside" or "no

Up to a late hour there was no official confirmation of the report of the Russian occupation of Varna which, if true, is, according to the London editors, "one of the greatest moves of the present war."

The same critics believe that the Russian assault on Varna is the prelude to a new effort for Constantinople which is less than 150 miles distant.

On the western front the success of the French at Hartmans-Weillerkopf, in the Vosges, is regarded in the allied capitals as not only a brilliant, but a useful operation at a point where the situation has been most difficult for many months. The number of prisoners is the largest taken on the west front since the great Champagne-Loos offensive.

The English public takes much pride in the manner in which Australia has taken the withdrawal from Gallipoli. This attitude is summed up by an Australian newspaper in the words of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech:

"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom." The most developments of the evening in Great Britain was appeal by the leading bankers to the nation to united in the task of meeting the war's financial requirements, and a speech by David-Lloyd George, the minister of munitions, at New Castle, to the trade union officials of the country, appealing to them for assistance in obtaining 80,000 skilled workers which he demanded in his speech in parliament a few days ago.

The reports of the Reichstag discussions have aroused some interest in the Entente capitals, where the socialist attitude is being closely followed, many believing that some section of the socialist group in Germany may prove to be the ultimate channel of peace negotiations. A Copenhagen dispatch declares that the socialist party in Germany is now completely divided, twenty-one members having seceded and formed a new party with an independent organization.

REPORT IS NOT CONFIRMED

Russian Bombardment of Varna Said to Have Lasted Two Hours.

London, Dec. 23.—There is still no confirmation of the reported Russian landing at Varna. A Bucharest dispatch to The Times, dated December 21, says:

"A Russian fleet of about 40 vessels appeared yesterday morning (Monday) off Cape Kali Akra and proceeded in the directio nof Varna whence a violent bombardbent was heard. Nothing was visible owing to the fog.

"According to official reports four large warships and two torpedo boats engaged in the bombardment with heavy guns. The shore batteries re-

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AMERICAN WOMAN IS TRIED FOR KIDNAPPING

Remanded for One Week in London Police Court.

Maria Goodrich Moseley Charged With Removing 14-Year-Old Neice from Her Mother, Mrs. Helen Moseley Drewry.

London, Dec. 22.—Maria Goodrich Moseley, an American, was remanded for a week at the West London police court today, charged by the police authorities with removing her niece, aged 14, from the possession of and against the will of the latter's mother, Helen Moseley Drewry. Bail was fixed at 200 pounds sterling.

Counsel on presenting the case of the prosecution said both Miss Moseley and Mrs. Drewry were Americans and that they were sisters, Miss Moseley, he declared, arrived in England from the United States December 14, stayed at her sister's flat and became attached to her niece. Four days later, counsel said, Miss Moseley left the house after a disagreement. Half an hour later the girl, Helen, disappeared and her mother since has been unable to find her.

In the witness box Mrs. Drewry burst into tears while testifying. She said when she asked her sister where the child was Miss Moseley declared she knew nothing about her. When she repeated the question later, witness said, Miss Moseley replied that she would not tell, adding that "it might incriminate her." Mrs. Moseley testified her sister had said the girl was perfectly safe and that on being

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WILL VISIT ALL THE CAPITALS OF EUROPE

Colonel House to Act as Diplomatic Agent.

Will Dispense Views of United States on International Questions and Determine Sentiment of Various Countries.

Washington, Dec. 22. — Authoritative explanation of the purposes of Colonel E. M. House's trip to Europe at the request of President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, obtained here today, discloses that Colonel House will dispense the views of the United States on general international questions, and will attempt to determine the state of official and public opinion in the various countries he will visit. Colonel House visited Secretary Lansing last week and was advised of the position in which the United States government found itself in regard to international questions and what remedial measures should le taken He was told that this government, under existing circumstances had found itself unable to put in writing an adequate expression of the state of public and official opinion regarding important negotiations and that American diplomatic representatives abroad were unable to advise the State Department as to the state of governmental and public opinion in Europe. The State Department is concerned in European public opinion as well as opinions held by officials. Several times, it is said, a lack of understanding has prevented a successful termination of negotiations.

Colonel House will travel as a diplo-

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CANADA FIRM FOR CONCLUSIVE PEACE

Stands by Mother Country to Accept No Other.

HER PART IN THE WAR

Prime Minister Borden Says Canada Has Fully Redeemed Her Pledge to Exert Every Effort and Make Every Sacrifice.

New York, Dec. 22.—Canada and the other British Dominions are as firmly resolved as is the mother country that the European war shall not be terminated by any inconclusive peace, declared Sir Robert Laird Borden, the prime minister of the Canadian government, in an address tonight at the 110th annual dinner of the New England Society in New York.

It was the first public address delivered by Sir Robert in the United States since the beginning of the war, and it follows closely upon his visit to England and France for official conferences as to Canadian participation in the conflict. After reviewing his own intimate associations with New England life and ideals, and recalling, among other things, how many thousand Canadians fought under the Stars and Stripes in New England regiments during the Civil War, and speaking of the phenomenal growth of the Canadian Dominion, he outlined the relations of Canada to the European war. He said:

"To the Canadian people thus immersed in the pursuit of material development there came little more than a year ago a call and a test which searched and tried the spirit of the nation. Until then Canada had known little of the actualities of war for a century. The course which she should pursue was entirely within the judgment and disposition of her parliament and people. From the first time there was not the slightest hesitation.

"Recalled hurriedly to Ottawa on the first day of August, 1914, I took the responsibility, in the absence of my colleagues, of sending to the British Government a message which expressed our most earnest hope that a peaceful solution of international difficulties might be achieved and our strong desire to co-operate in every possible way for that purpose; but which conveyed also to that government the firm assurance that if unhappily war should ensue the Canadian people would be united in a common resolve to put forth every effort and to make every sacrifice necessary to ensure the in-

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RAILROAD STATION SCENE OF TRAGEDY

Two Men Killed by Prominent Louisiana Lawyer.

ONE HIS CLOSE FRIEND

Robert L. Knox, of New Orleans, Shoots Benjamin Foster and Alexander Franklin in Y. & M. V. Depot at Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 22.—Robert L. Knox, surveyor, of customs for the port of New Orleans, and prominent Louisiana attorney, shot and killed Benjamin Foster, of Hattiesburg, Miss., a close friend and former business associate, and Alexander Fraenklin, believed to be from Natchitoches, La., in the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad depot here today. According to witnesses, Knox walked into the crowded waiting room and without uttering a word drew a revolver and fired three times., Foster, who was purchasing a ticket, was shot and killed. Fraenklin was struck by the second or third bullet and died about 20 minutes later. Knox left the waiting room and surrendered to the police.

District Attorney Holcombe, who attempted to obtain a statement from Knox, declared that all the prisoner said was "he ruined my life." It was said that apparently Knox did not know that Fraenklin had been killed. Counsel retained by the prisoner advised him to remain silent until a hearing is held.

Relatives of Knox declare that he was suffering from mental aberration since he and Foster had been friends for many years and there was no cause for a grievance. Until three years ago Knox and Foster had been associated with a law firm in Lake Charles, La., Knox as an attorney and Foster as an attorney and timber expert. Knox opened a law office in New Orleans and Foster went to Hattiesburg, when the firm was dissolved.

Since that time the two had maintained friendly intercourse and, according to the mother of Knox, when he was visiting here, Foster was the first person the family called upon for assistance when Knox became involved in a difficulty in Washington, D. C., about two months ago.

The authorities here state that it had been learned that Knox recently developed mental trouble and last September was taken to Washington and placed in a sanitarium for treatment. He arrived here from Washington several days ago.

DE FACTO RULE IS STILL SPREADING

Gradually Gaining Control of Villa Territory.

OTHER GENERALS JOIN

Mystery Surrounding General Villa's Whereabouts is Baffling—Remnant of His Army is Given a Severe Defeat.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—The de facto government of Mexico made progress today in assumption of civil and military authority in the territory surrendered recently by followers of Francisco Villa, according to reports reaching here from various sources. Villa's whereabouts was still unknown here.

General Trevino, at the head of a military force representing the de facto government, was reported to have successfully engaged the remnants of Villa's forces and occupied Chihuahua City. General Obregon, whose forces recently drove General Villa from Sonora, was said to be en route from Nogales to Juarez to assume military control. General Ochoa, former Villa military chief at Juarez, today renounced the Villa cause and joined the de facto government. Temporarily he has been placed in control of the surrendered territory by the Carranza consul here.

Hipolito Villa, a brother of the deposed chief, was said to have left Juarez for San Antonio, Texas. General Jose Rodriguez, until recently one of Villa's principal leaders, was reported with a small force at Casas Grandes. His attitude toward the de facto government was unknown here.

General Ochoa, the only officer of the Villa faction in Juarez who did not sign the agreement of surrender, after accepting the terms of the peace pact, today issued a proclamation pledging allegiance to the de facto government.

The mystery surrounding General Villa's whereabouts baffled authorities. Last night Villa was expected to reach Juarez at dawn. For several days the report has been current that Villa was at the Bustillos ranch, west of Chihuahua City.

The departure from Juarez of American Consul Edwards, coincident with the first news of Villa's retirement, caused speculation as to whether he had received instructions to receive Villa at a point agreed upon east of here, possibly Sierra Blanca. Edwards said he intended taking a brief rest.

The reported arrival of Trevino at Chihuahua and Ochoa's ratification of the surrender, place Villa, if still in Chihuahua state, between hostile forces. Should he seek to reach the United States it is said he is likely to come to the border east or west of Juarez by the surrender agreement accepted there by Carranza officials specifically excluding Villa and his brother, Hippolito.

900 VILLA CASUALTIES

Engagement With Carranza Troops Under General Trevino.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 22.—Carranza troops under General Trevino engaged what remained of the Villa army in battle yesterday and today at Papula, 10 miles outside Chihuahua City. Inflicting a severe defeat. Nine hundred Villa soldiers were killed, wounded or taken prisoners, according to advices to Carranza officials in Nuevo, Laredo, tonight. The Carranza losses were said to have been small.

General Trevino with his soldiers, who have advanced rapidly in Chihuahua, during the past ten days, encountered the Villa soldiers moving southward. A fierce battle ensued in which no quarter was shown. The Villa soldiers fought desperately and the battle lasted all yesterday afternoon and was prolonged through the night until the Villa troops surrendered this morning. The streets of the vil-

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War News at a Glance

In its second note to the Austro-Hungarian government, the United States declines to discuss the circumstances of the sinking of the Ancona and "finds no other course open to it," but to hold Austria responsible and therefore reiterates its original demands.

The British parliament without division has voted to increase the strength of the British army to 4,000,000 men.

The heaviest fighting on any of the battle fronts appears to be taking place in the Vosges mountains at Hartmans-Weillerkopf, where the French captured an important German position there Tuesday. Paris says over 1,300 German prisoners were taken. Artillery bombardments have prevailed on most of the other parts of the western front.

A report comes from the Russian front of an almost complete cessation of the fighting.

The most important engagement on the Austro-Italian front has been an Italian attack on the Tolino bridgehead, which was put down by the fire of the Austrians. Nothing has come through concerning further activities on the Dardanelles or Mesopotamia fronts or the army which the German Field Marshal von Der Goltz is reported to be preparing for an attempted invasion of Egypt.

Emperor William is suffering from a disability which will keep him indoors for a few days.

In the explosion of a powder plant and several ammunition depots at Muenster, Westphalia, 300 of 600 women employed in the buildings are reported to have been killed.

WAR IN BASEBALL COMES TO AN END

Federal League No Longer Exists as a Body.

PEACE PACT IS SIGNED

All Provisions of the Treaty, Not Made Public in Full, Were Agreed to —Wild Scramble for Best Federal Players.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—Probably the most disastrous war baseball has ever experienced closed here tonight when a treaty of peace between the Federal League and bos. parties to the national baseball agreement, better known as organized baseball, was signed.

Two major league clubs will change hands and two new faces will be seen among major league magnates. Chas. Wheeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, will purchase controlling interest in the Chicago Nationals from Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati. Phil Ball and his associates connected with the St. Louis Federals gain control of the St. Louis Americans.

The agreement gives immunity to all men who have jumped their contracts. All of them have been reinstated or made eligible to organized baseball.

Wild Scramble for Players.

That there will be a wild scramble for some few of the best Federal players was clearly indicated by a provision in the treaty that the Federal League, as a league, and which, insofar as actual baseball placing is concerned, ceases to exist, will assume all of the contracts of Federal players.

In this connection rumors flew thick and fast here tonight regarding the future status of a number of Federal players. One that would not down despite the lack of confirmation was that Benny Kauff, of the Brooklyn Federals, would be seen next spring in a Giant uniform.

Semi-officially, it became known that former Federal players will be with the New York Americans.

The agreement does not go into the distribution of any players and it was announced that the bars have been thrown down and that inasmuch as all are eligible, those who are for sale will probably go to the highest bidder.

The Federal clubs in Chicago and St. Louis are excepted, inasmuch as Weeghman and Ball will be permitted to keep what players they desire of the Federal club in these cities.

As to Brooklyn Club.

The announcement concerndin the Brooklyn Federal club was short. It was: "The Ward interests will be reimbursed, both major leagues assuming this responsibility." No figures were given, but is unofficially, though authoritatively stated that it will be $400,000 payable $20,000 a year.

These five principal conditions took little of the time of the meeting, which extended over two days. The chief stumbling block was that the Buffalo Federal club wanted to be consolidated with the Buffalo International club, but the International League would not agree to this.

The other was relative to the Baltimore Federal League park. Jack Dunn, of the Richmond, Va., team, has for sometime, according to President Barrow, of the International League, been considered as having the legitimate right to an International league franchise in Baltimore when peace was declared. Dunn appeared here today and demanded this right and it was reported made a counter proposition, but the difference in the two figures was so wide than no agreement was reached. In order not to delay the signing of the treaty of peace it was mutually agreed by all of the conferees at today's session that a committee be appointed with full power to act in settling both of these questions relative to the International League.

Agree to All Provisions.

Following the appointing of this committee the conference made short work of the remainder of the business All of the provisions of the treaty of peace were agreed to, the lawyers drew up the document and put it into legal form and it was signed by the league and club officials.

When asked what disposition would be made of the suit of the Federal League against organized baseball charging violations of the anti-trust law now pending before Judge Landis in Chicago, President Tener of the National League acting as spokesman, said:

"The suit will be withdrawn."

The meeting of the committee to take up the International League question will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the National Commission on January 3, next.

Provisions of Agreement.

The agreement provides that all Federal League players are made eligible to play in organized baseball.

That the Federal League assumes all the contracts of all of its clubs as a league and not as individual clubs.

That Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago Federals, will purchase the Chicago Nationals from Charles P. Taft.

That Philip Ball, of St. Louis, will purchase the St. Louis American League club and,

That the Ward interests in the Brooklyn Federal League club will be reimbursed, both National and American Leagues assuming this burden.

These five propositions were the principal ones in the agreement.

The entire agreement will not be made public at this time, but it was stated officially that a committee composed of the members of the National Commission, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Barrow and a representative of both the Buffalo and Baltimore clubs of the Federal League has been given the power to settle whatever disputes still exist regarding the International League.

Phil. Ball, who gains control of the St. Louis Americans, stated tonight that Fielder Jones would be the new manager of the team. Inasmuch as Branch Rickey's contract as manager of the St. Louis Americans expired last season, nothing definite was given out officially about him, but rumors had it he would retire from the game.

We are prepared to furnish on short notice any quantity of layer and pound cakes. Globe Baking Co. Phones, 189-190. de19-6t
(Advertisement.)

Christmas Slippers, just received at Peterson & Rulfs' de23-1t
(advertisement.)

ADMISSION MADE BY AUSTRIAN ADMIRALTY JUSTIFIES ATTITUDE

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ply indicated that it was not completely responsive, and left in doubt the attitude of the German government towards the American suggestion that the requirements of the Declaration of London that "before the vessel is destroyed all persons on board must be placed in safety", was not satisfied by merely giving an opportunity for escape in life boats.

The full text of the German note has been received, it was admitted today at the State Department, but officials declined to say what response was made to this suggestion. It was intimated in some quarters that, as to agree to the American view at this time might seem to prejudice the Austrian case in regard to the Ancona, in addition to having a bearing upon the Lusitania negotiations, the German government probably had not conceded the point.

So far as the Frye case is concerned, this point is not directly involved, as the crew of the Frye was taken aboard the German cruiser which sank the ship. Therefore, it is thought that the subject may be discussed as a separate question or perhaps in connection with the practice of submarine warfare as involved in the Lusitania case.

WILL VISIT ALL THE CAPITALS OF EUROPE

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matic agent of the United States, and will visit virtually all the capitals of Europe. During his tour Colonel House may secure expressions of understandings in regard to peace negotiations.

Should he do so, the United States will be promptly advised. However, he will make no effort to secure views on this point. The peace question, it is stated, is merely incidental to his trip.

DE FACTO RULE IS STILL SPREADING

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lage of Mapula were strewn with dead when fighting ceased.

The leader of the Villa soldiers was not learned. Troops engaged were said to have been the remnants of a force until recently operating in Sonora.

NAVY CONSULTING BOARD TO HOLD SECOND MEETING TODAY

Informal Conferences Held Yesterday—Henry A. Wise Wood Resigns.

New York, Dec. 22. — Members of the Navy Consulting Board met in informal conferences here today in preparation for their second meeting since organization to be held tomorrow at the New York navy yard. Secretary Daniels had proposed a trip to the Sandy Hook proving grounds, but it was deferred, because of the inclement weather, and it is believed the members will be kept busy inspecting the navy yard, especially, as all the warships of the New York division of the Atlantic fleet are there.

The only absentees from the committees' sessions today were Thomas A. Edison, chairman of the board, and Dr. W. R. Whitney, both of whom are expected to attend the meeting tomorrow, and Henry A. Wise Wood, who has resigned. Various questions of importance to the navy were considered by the conferees during the day.

Dr Leo H. Baekeland declared the government should establish at once a plant for the manufacture of nitric acid from the air. This would not be a losing venture, he believed, because what was not required for military purposes could be sold for agricultural uses.

Henry A. Wise Wood, representative of the American Society of Aeronautic Engineers, today announced his resignation as a member of the board. His action was taken, he said, because he disapproves, as inadequate for the country's defense, the naval programme proposed by the administration. He will continue, however, to serve as a consultant to members of the board.

MOTORMAN IS RELEASED.

Police Believe Atlanta Woman's Death Clear Case of Suicide.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 22. — W. E. Spiegner, a street railway motorman, who was arrested here after Mrs. F. L. Yarborough, wife of the chief law agent of the Georgia Railroad, had shot and killed herself early today, was released tonight. According to the police, Yarborough, returning to his home shortly after midnight, founr Spiegner there After an altercation, Spiegner fled, Yarborough giving chase. Failing to catch Spiegner, Yarborough returned to his home and found his wife dead.

City and county authorities announced they would not further investigate the affair, as they believed Mrs. Yarborough's death clearly a case of suicide. Spiegner, the police said, made a statement to them which they agreed to keep confidential.

TRY TO BLOCK PLANS

Will Request That Suit Before Judge Landis Be Continued.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—While envoys from the Federal League and organized baseball tonight signed a peace pact, it was learned that the Baltimore Federal club officials will try to block the plans for ending the war by requesting that the anti-trust suit before Judge Landis be not dissolved.

An influential stockholder of the Federal club previously made the statement that it was improbable that the present corporation could take over the International League franchise. He said the stock is so distributed among 600 persons that it is not within the range of possibilities to operate a minor league team, a proposition considerably smaller than that for which the corporation was formed.

300 REPORTED KILLED IN POWDER PLANT EXPLOSION

London, Dec. 22.—According to advices to the Amsterdam Telegraaf forwarded by Reuter's correspondent a powder factory and several ammunition depots at Muenster, West Phalia, have been blown up. Great damage was done to the town, the newspaper adds. Later advices from Amsterdam state that according to accounts received there 300 of the 600 women employed in the Muenster powder mill were killed.

Buy our famous velvet Pullman pound cake. Guaranteed to please any one. Globe Baking Co. de19-6t
(Advertisement.)

AMERICAN WOMAN IS TRIED FOR KIDNAPING

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asked how she knew this had said the girl telephoned and told her so.

Counsel for Miss Moseley said the defendant throughout had asserted that she did not know the whereabouts of the girl and asked that she be released on her own recognizance. To this the magistrate replied:

"No, I can't do that. It is a serious charge and I want substantial bail."

FORMERLY OF RICHMOND.

Moseley Family is Highly Connected in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—Miss Maria Moseley and her sister, Mrs. Helen Moseley-Drewry, are highly connected in Virginia, the Moseleys and the Valentines, their maternal ancestors having been of long established families here. They have not been living in Virginia since the separation of Mrs. Drewry from her husband, Clay Drewry, recently adjudged mentally incompetent after his arrest for embezzling a small sum by padding the pay-roll of the street cleaning department, in which he had found employment as a clerk. Relatives here are unable to account for this new development in the family history.

FOREIGN TRADE WENT TO HALF BILLION DOLLARS IN NOVEMBER

Imports as Well as Exports Broke Records for the Month.

Washington, Dec. 22. — Foreign trade of the United States in November jumped to the unprecedented total of half a billion dollars. A Department of Commerce statement issued today shows that imports as well as exports broke records for the month. A record of five billion dollars for the past twelve months exports and imports was set.

November imports were $164,319,169, more by $11,000,000 than the previous November record, made in 1912. November exports of $331,144,527 were the greatest of any month in the country's history.

Twelve months imports to November 30 aggregated $1,730,243,229, against $1,858,645,027 for the preceding year. The year's exports were $3,437,292,533, one and a half billion dollars more than the preceding year and nearly one billion more than two years ago.

DOUBTS THE INTERVIEW

Weeghman Does Not Doubt Mr. Taft's Word in Sale of Cubs.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—"I doubt the authenticity of that interview," said Charles Weeghman here tonight when shown the dispatch from Corpus Christi quoting Mr. C. P. Taft as saying that the Chicago Cubs are not for sale. "I cannot go into details on this matter," Weeghman continued, "and I will not discuss it other than to say Mr. Taft's word to me is good enough for me regardless to anything else. I likewise believe my word to Mr. Taft is good enough for him. That is all I care to say on the subject."

TO TRAIN NEGRO CHILDREN.

Building in Memory of Booker T. Washington is Proposed.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Chicago friends of the laote Booker T. Washington, negro educator, have started a popular subscription for the purpose of a building and site which will be named the Booker T. Washington Memorial and used as a social center and industrial training school for negro children. The building and grounds, now used by a Jewish congregation and valued at $136,000, is offered at $85,000. About 1,500 children can be accommodated.

CUBS NOT FOR SALE.

Charles P. Taft Denies They Have Been Bought by Weeghman.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Dec 22. — "The Cubs are not for sale." This was Charles P. Taft's answer tonight to a question concerning his attitude toward the agreement between organized baseball and the Federal League, which is said to include the purchase of the Chicago Nationals by Charles Weeghman.

WARNS SHIPPING INTERESTS

No Prediction as to When Channel at Panama Will Be Opened.

Washington, Dec. 22.—To head off a premature rush of vessels to the partially re-opened Panama Canal, the War Department tonight issued a statement warning shipping interests that no prediction could be made as to when a stable channel would be opened and that resumption of routing shiys via the canal at this time would embarrass Governor Goethal's work.

COTTON RATES ADVANCE

Scarcity of Tonnage Said to Be Cause of Rise in Ocean Rates.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 22.—Ocean freight rates on export cotton have advanced sharply within the last few days. The rate from Galveston to Liverpool has advanced from $2 per hundred pounds to $4.25. The Havre rate has advanced from $1.80 to $2.40 and the Genoa rate from $1.75 to $2 per hundred pounds. These advices in cotton rates are due, it is said, to scarcity of tonnage.

MEMBER FORD PARTY DIES

Lloyd Bingham Succumbs to Pneumonia in Christiania, Norway

Christiania, Norway, (via London), Dec. 22.—Lloyd Bingham a member of the Ford peace party, died today of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the American actress.

With best ingredients and bakers of long experience, we can furnish you with best line of all cakes. 'Phone your orders early. Globe Baking Co. 'Phones 189-190. de19-6t
(advertisement.)

Christmas Slippers, just received at Peterson & Rulfs'. de23-1t
(advertisement.)

ISSUE MANIFESTO ON FINANCES OF COUNTRY

Appeal is Made to the People of Great Britain.

Over One Billion Pounds Must be Raised to Prosecute War Next Year. Task Demands Co-Operation of Everyone.

London, Dec. 22.—A manifesto to the British people was issued tonight over the signature of a score of leading business men and bankers on the subject of the country's financial position. The signatures are headed by that of George Alderson, treasurer of the Bank of England. The manifesto says:

"As this is a time of great national danger, it is imperative that every citizen realize the vastness of the work Great Britain has to perform. On the long war success depends mainly on the financial resources of the combatants and the consequent power of one of them to maintain or add to its fighting strength while the others are declining. It is not in doubt that the Allies' financial resources, when fully mobilized and wisely controlled, will be vastly greater than the enemy's.

"In the current calendar year the British people will spend 1,300,000,000 pounds sterling on war and government; next year 1,800,000,000 pounds sterling. To raise this sum is a stupendous task which will try the mettle of the nation as it has not been tried in a hundred years. The task demands the strenuous co-operation of every man, woman, youth and maiden —that the nation's energies be concentrated on the production of really essential things, that the production of all non-essentials be wholly stopped.

"The nation must avoid the consumption of all non-essentials and even resist the consumption of essentials to the limits of efficiency. Individuals possessing securities marketable abroad must sell them to pay for goods and munitions for which no other means of payment can be provided. Only by all classes adding to and carefully husbanding their income, by selling foreign securities, by creating foreign credits will it be possible to provide the vast sum needed by the nation and its allies."

NOT ON PEACE MISSION.

President Has Nothing to Add to Colonel House's Statement.

Hot Springs, Va., December 22. — President Wilson said today that the European trip of his friend, Colonel E. M. House, was in now way connected with the peace movement, but was entirely for the purpose outlined by Colonel House in his statement issued last night in New York. Further than to say that Colonel House had stated the object of his mission exactly, the President refused to comment.

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(advertisement.)

ABOUT 300,000 BABIES DIE BEFORE ONE YEAR

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. NOTICE.

H. C. Twining, A. F. Twining, Iolanthe Johnson and husband, George T. Johnson, vs. S. P. Wright and W. A. Boies.

The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of New Hanover County, to remove cloud from title, and to quiet the title, of the plaintiffs in certain real property in the City of Wilmington, said County and State; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the term of Superior Court of said County, beginning the 17th day of January, 1916, at the Court House of said County and State of North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiffs.

W. N. HARRISS,
Clerk of Superior Court.
Dated this 15th day of December, 1915.
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ONLY POLITICIANS ARE FIGHTING HIM, HE SAYS

C. C. Daniels at Wilson to Spend Holidays at Home.

Special Attorney for Government Says He is Giving Uncle Sam His Best Efforts—Others Say He Has Made Good.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The fight waged against C. C. Daniels, special attorney for the Department of Justice in charge of the White Earth Indians land case in Minnesota, is simply the work of politicians, most of whom are interested in the lands which Mr. Daniels is trying to recover for the full blood Indians, according to a statement made here yesterday by Mr. Daniels.

Attorney Daniels spent the day here and left last night for Wilson, where he will spend the holidays with his family. He talked with Senators Overman and Knute Nelson about the report that he is to be removed from his present duties and later called on officials of the Department of Justice. Mr. Daniels, however, did not see Attorney General Gregory.

In conversation with The Star correspondent, Mr. Daniels stated that he had given the government the best service he was able to give and he was certain that he had made good. He said that the Indians themselves had petitioned President Wilson to have him retained in his present work as well as many other people in Minnesota who wanted to see the Indians get a fair deal.

He stated also that Judge Morris, one of the Federal judges, had made the statement that his handling of the cases had been properly, ably and expeditiously done. It is understood that Judge Morris has written a letter to Attorney General Gregory to this effect.

Mr. Daniels says that he has tried approximately 25 cases since he took charge of the Indian land frauds; that he has won a large per cent of them and in addition has won some two or three criminal cases in which he recovered approximately $40,000 in money and some 2,000 or more acres of land.

He does not know what the final decision of the Attorney General will be, but he does know and believe that he has given the government a very good account of himself since he took charge of the cases.

The suits which Mr. Daniels is prosecuting, attorneys here say, are very tedious and necessarily take a great deal of time because of the fact that few of the Indians can speak English and also because of the time taken up in running down titles to the property involved.

Mr. Daniels brought to Washington a copy of the Minneapolis Journal of December 17, which gave an account of a Democratic banquet given in honor of Mr. Daniels at Minneapolis on December 16th.

J. J. Williams, a prominent Democrat of Minneapolis, and schoolmate of President Wilson, in introducing Mr. Daniels, said: "We love him for the enemies he has made."

The Journal has the following quotations from Mr. Daniels' speech, which Mr. Daniels said today was a correct report:

"When I first came to White Earth, Gus Beaulieu says he met me with an olive branch, which I refused. The olive branch meant that I was to lay down principle, lay down on these suits in behalf of the poor Indians, and be recreant to my trust.

"Some of the gentlemen who are interested in lands and timber up there have raised a great uproar and have gone down to Washington to misrepresent what was being done. They haven't got me 'bounced' yet. The men after my scalp are men who have secured a paper title to land from Indians who had no right to convey it; men who, though they had sufficient power to drive from the temple of justice those who were trying to deprive them of their wrongfully gotten possessions.

"Men who never voted anything but the Republican ticket, Ed Smith, Clapp, Michelet and Powell, have gone down to Washington to 'purify' the Democracy."

Mr. Williams, the President's friend, then, according to Mr. Daniels, made the charge that Fred B. Lynch, the Democratic national committeeman from Minnesota, was behind the movement to oust Mr. Daniels. The meeting then passed a resolution strongly indorsing Mr. Daniels' work and the Wilson administration.

ON ALL-DAY MOTOR RIDE

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 22.—From early morning until after dark tonight President Wilson and his bride motored over winding muntain roads and through unbridged creeks. When their bespattered car rtturned to the hotel here tonight, they had traversed many miles and had crossed the West Virginia line to visit White Sulphur Springs. At White White Sulphur the couple created a stir by walking into the public dining room of the principal hotel for luncheon.

Tomorrow the President expects to spend several hours dictating letters and memoranda to his stenographer.

STUDENTS OPPOSED TO PREPAREDNESS POLICY

While University Faculty Favors National Defense.

Such is the Situation at Chapel Hill, Speaking With Reference to Majorities—Subject Much Discussed on Campus.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 22.—The problem of National preparedness has been agitated extensively and almost continuously on the University campus ever since William J. Bryan made his peace speech here November 14. It has been debated in the Society Halls, and discussed in the drug stores; themes have been written for or against it in the English classes; and lectures have been made concerning the question in Chapel.

The rather surprising fact has been disclosed, through the free discussion among the students, that a large majority of the students strongly oppose a preparedness policy. The majority of the faculty, on the contrary, seem to favor preparedness and national defense. Dr. J. M. Booker, of the department of English, recently made clear to the students, in a series of chapel talks, the pro-preparedness point of view of the faculty and of all those who believe that the United States should be ready to defend herself against invasion. Dr. Booker's talks were divided into two divisions—the first answering the question, "Why Prepare?" and the second answering the question, "Are We Prepared?" The speaker himself was well prepared to answer the questions, for he was at the Plattsburg Military Training Camp last summer and has since made a careful study of the problem. His talks were, therefore, clear and interesting, besides being fired throughout by the enthusiasm of a man who sincerely believed in the justice of his position and arguments.

GERMANY PLACING ORDERS FOR COPPER AFTER THE WAR

With Metal at Highest Price Since 1907. Boom is Expected.

New York, Dec. 22.—With high grade copper selling today at 20 1-2c a pound, its highest price since 1907, Wall Street looks for another boom in that industry. Metal shares were the chief features of today's market.

It was rumored that one of the largest producing companies had practically closed a contract for deliveries all through 1916 to foreign interests, particularly British, at between 20 1-2 and 21 cents. The rumor lacked confirmation, but it was believed that the foreign demand is likely to cause activity for many months to come.

Germany, it has been persistently declared, is placing orders here to be delivered after the cessation of hostilities and it is estimated that the amount of the metal required for "re-construction" purposes will run into many hundred thousand tons.

MRS. E. A. MURPHY IS DEAD

Venerable Lady of Burgaw Passed Away Early Last Night.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 22.—Many friends and acquaintances throughout this section of the State will learn with keen regret the news which came as a shock though not as a surprise to her friends and admirers here tonight when it is reported that Mrs. Elizabeth A. Murphy had passed away. She died at her home here about 7:45 o'clock this evening, following an illness of a week or two. She would have been 93 years of age next February.

Mrs. Murphy is survived by seven children, all dult: Ex-Judge J. D. Murphy, of Asheville; Dr. Walter Colton Murphy, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Cornelia Ferrall, of Clinton; Mrs. J. R. Bannerman, Mrs. Ben M. Moore, Mrs. Mack Moore and Miss Maggie Murphy, of Burgaw. The last named lived with her mother here.

Mrs. Murphy was probably the oldest woman in Burgaw, though until quite recently she was remarkably active for one of her age, she having made two trips to Wilmington in an automobile within the last month or two. She was born and reared in this county and had lived in Burgaw for a number of years. Her husband preceded her to the grave more than 30 years ago.

Funeral arrangements have not been made as yet, but it is probable that the interment will be at the old family home in the country a few miles from Burgaw Friday. It is expected that the two sons of the deceased, Judge Murphy, of Asheville, and Dr. Murphy, of Washington, will arrive here tomorrow.

Dr. Murphy Coming.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Dr. Walter C. Murphy received a telegram tonight announcing the death, in Burgaw, N. C., of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Murphy, aged 93 years. He left on a late train to be present at her funeral.

ARREST OF JUSTICE FILLS "MISSING LINK"

In Chain of Evidence Against Hamburg Line.

Federal Officials Say Proof Is Established That Company was Financial Agent for Germany in Various Plots.

New York, Dec. 22.—The arrest today of Edmund Justice, a night watchman employed by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, was declared by Federal officials to supply the "missing link" in a chain of evidence proving that the steamship company was the financial agent of the German government in various plots against American neutrality alleged to have been uncovered by the department of justice.

Justice was arrested as an employe and fellow conspirator of Paul Koenig, head of the Hamburg-American detective bureau, who is charged with plotting to blow up the Welland and canal. Shortly after Justice's arrest a lawyer representing Koenig appeared before United States Commissioner Houghton and gave $30,000 bail for the appearance of justice at a hearing set for January 12. This makes a total of more than $100,000 supplied by the Hamburg-American Company as bail for men accused of plots against American neutrality.

Indictments in the Welland canal case are expected tomorrow. The grand jury which has been investigating the activities of Franz Von Rintelin in fomenting strikes in munitions factories, has completed its work, but has adjourned over Christmas. Indictments in this case probably will be returned next week.

NEW HAVEN OFFICIALS LOSE HOPE OF DISMISSAL OF CASE.

Judge Hunt Says Case is One Which the Jury Must Decide.

New York, Dec. 22.—Hopes of counsel for the defense that their pleadings for a dismissal of the case against the eleven former directors of the New Haven railroad charged with criminal conspiracy under the Sherman law, might result favorably, were diminished today by the remarks of Judge Hunt. He said that while individual acts might be innocent, it was the result attained by the sum of them that might fall within the prohibition of the law. It was a question, he said, as to the purpose with which the directors were imbued, and that he indicated, was for the jury to decide.

This was the third day of argument and there is at least one more in prospect before Judge Hunt will be called upon to give his final decision. Should it be unfavorable, the defense will begin its presentation of evidence, and it is not unlikely several of the 11 defendants will go on the stand in their own behalf.

SALOONS MAY BE OPEN UNTIL 3 A. M. ON NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Larger Part of New York's Celebration to Close at That Hour.

New York, Dec. 22.—The major portion at New York's new year's eve celebration will close at 3 a. m., January 1, 1915, is the indication of an announcement made by Mayor Mitchel today. The mayor decided despite a strong protest by ministers and temperance associations that all cafes and cabarets receiving favorable reports from the police department may obtain special licenses to sell liquor until 3 a. m., on New Year's day.

There are 28 cafes holding all night licenses, and these will remain open as usual. The mayor said in making his decision that he tried to effect a compromise between the cafes' owners and the temperance interests. He added that, in his opinion ,nearly all New Yorkers were ready to go home at 3 o'clock in the morning, but the few that wished to remain up after this hour would find accommodations. About 200 applications for special licenses have already been received.

POLITICAL SHOP TALK.

Councilman Jones May Oppose Solicitor Peschau—Frank Herbst Active.

Rumors are going the rounds that Councilman W. F. Jones may seek the office of County Solicitor in opposition to the incumbent, Geo. L. Peschau. Mr. Jones is a practicing attorney. There is also talk to the effect that Louis Goodman, Esq., who was a candidate for the place in the last primary, may be a candidate for the office of Solicitor again next year.

Messrs. R. C. Fergus and Frank Herbst are both expected to be in the race for sheriff, in opposition to Sheriff Cowan, who, it is understood, will seek re-nomination. There is also talk that Mr. Frank Herbst may be a candidate for representative in the lower house of the General Assembly. Others are expected to enter the race later.

Mr. J. H. Davis, who is expected to be a candidate to succeed himself as constable, will likely find opposition in the person of Mr. Charles W. Kunold. There will likely be a number of announcements soon after the holidays.

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ONLY A FEW MORE TOYS LEFT

Children's Chairs and Rockers, 25c to $2.00
Blackboards 75c
Pianos ..... 25c to $3.50
Tool Chests ..... $1.00 to $2.50
Doll Carriages ..... $2.50 to $10.00
Dolls ..... $1.50 to $6.00
Sets of Decorated China Dishes, 10 to 15c
Wagons ..... $1.25 to $2.50
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Ostrich Boas, each ..... $2.00 to $7.50
Ladies' and Children's Sweaters, $1.50 to $6.50
Middy Blouse Ties, red, black and blue, each 50c
Wool Scarfs and Cap to match $3.25
Ladies' Sewing Aprons ..... 35c to 75c

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR TERM.

Bad Streets Cause Poor Attendance. Longer Vacation.

The unpleasant traveling conditions of the streets incident to the snow had caused a considerable decrease in the attendance, and as a consequence at a conference of the chairmen of all the school committees in the city, yesterday it was decided to have the fall term of schools close yesterday afternoon. The principals were all notified and the schools will have a little longer vacation than they had expected.

There was a business meeting of all the principals in the office of the Board of Education yesterday afternoon, at which complete reports were made of the month's business.

All schools in the county and city will re-open Monday, January 3rd.

The pupils and parents of the Cornelius Harnett school will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the school building, to give their Christmas entertainment.

MADE PROTEST TO TURK ATROCITIES

(Continued from Page One.)

ported; in some places, as in Mardin, all Christians without distinction of race or religion had the same fate.

"'At the same time the imperial government has thought it right to extend the measure of expatriation to the other provinces of Asia Minor and very recently the Armenian villages of the district of Izmit, near the capital, have been evacuated under similar conditions.

"'Under such circumstances the German embassy by order of its government is obliged to remonstrate once more against these acts of horror.'"

CHRISTMAS FOR WALL STREET TO BE BETTER

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tial proportions. Gifts to employes have averaged 10 to 15 per cent of annual salaries and one trust company, long known for its generosity, is said to have given as much as 50 per cent.

All the exchanges have taken up subscriptions for their employes and it is fair to assume that individual disbursements will be larger than at any time of recent years. Last year the stock exchange, for good and sufficient reasons, refrained from asking its members to subscribe to the Christmas fund but drew on its private funds so that the several hundred employes might not be utterly deprived of some holiday cheer.

Celebrations, formal and impromptu, will be held on all the exchanges after the close of business next Friday. The Produce Exchange, following its usual custom, will have an enormous Christmas tree on the trading floor and the poor children of Lower Manhattan will receive gifts of toys and more material things, such as clothes, shoes and other articles of apparel.

Some idea of the extent to which Wall Street has profited by the general prosperity of the country may be gathered from the fact that thus far this year sales of stocks aggregating more than 173,000,000 shares, against barely 47,000,000 for the corresponding period last year, while bond sales total over $917,000,000 against $455,000,000.

Except along the coast of the Caspian sea, agriculture in Persia is dependent upon irrigation.

Cut flowers will keep fresh many days if their stems be inserted in a mixture of charcoal and sand.

Delinquent Tax Notice

All persons owing taxes to the City of Wilmington for the year 1914 and previous thereto are notified that suits will be brought for same just as fast as papers can be prepared, without distinction and without any further notice of any kind. I would be glad to make some settlement of these taxes, if parties will call on me, but cannot delay action any longer.

CHESLEY C. BELLAMY,
Assistant City Attorney.
(Dispatch please copy.)

NOTICE

The Freight Warehouses of our Companies in Wilmington, N. C., will be Closed Saturday, December 25th, 1915, and Saturday, January 1st, 1916, except between the hours of 9:00 and 10:00 A. M., for the delivery of Perishable Freight.

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TOP O' THE MORNING

Courage will come with His presence and patient return at his touch..
And manifold sins be forgiven to those who love Him much;
For the toiling age will forget its rage when the Prince of Peace draws near.

HENRY VAN DYKE.

Better do your Christmas shopping today or tomorrow.

How'dya like to be the proprietor of a preparedness factory?

The Young Turks surely are the posterity of their barbaric ancestry.

We are not on the firing line but it's a cold day when we don't fire some son of a gun.

We have lots of congenial spirits for Christmas, so what does anybody care for ardent spirits?

Gee! It's only two days off, but that's no news. Everybody knows it as well as we do, but something says let it out anyhow.

Wilmington has an industrial preparedness object on hand. The campaign has been started and all of us can get behind it and keep ita-going.

The Springfield Republican gives President Wilson credit for the death of the Progressive party. Even the Republicans have reason to be grateful to Wilson for doing something in their behalf.

"Yuan Shi Kai is said to be the Roosevelt of China," says the Jacksonville Times-Union. However, it is quite likely that Roosevelt would prefer to be the Yuan Shi Kai of the United States.

Lots of us think we exercise our judgment, when the truth is we have only given more than usual exercise to our instinct. When some of us think we are firm in our opinion we are only hardened by our prejudice.

We are getting prouder than ever of North Carolinians who do things, but we are not gonna get too proud to fight if the territorial expansionists should get it into their heads to take the Nation's Garden Spot away from us.

When President Wilson declared that there is such a thing as being too proud to fight, he did not specify any particular occasion. Anyhow, who'd care to go out and fight any nation which would have no more respect for itself than to want such a place as Buzzard Bay?

We love peace advocates for having their hearts in the right place but we have to draw the line on their imaginary idea that this country is absolutely safe without preparedness. Most of the argument we have seen against naval and military safeguards are based on a humane imagination that is contrary to the mundane facts in the case.

Says the New Orleans States: "Uncle Joe Cannon has announced his intention of putting a good deal of pepper in his support of President Wilson's national defense programme." Uncle Joke will take the programme for his text and then give us a good imitation of a Mohawk Indian scalping President Wilson because it's his programme. It is not at all irksome to labor under the suspicion that the Hon. Cannon's support of preparedness will be more malicious than patriotic.

One of the handsomest and most creditable of the Christmas editions of North Carolina newspapers that have reached The Star is that of the Morven Sentinel, Mr. Grover J. Watson, editor and proprietor. It comes to us with a handsome cover, done in colors and well filled with advertisements of the enterprising merchants all over Anson county. Editor Watson and his constituency, among the best people in the world, have every reason for congratulation upon the splendid edition of his paper.

USE OF PEAT AS FUEL

We understand that there are great peat beds ir North Carolina, and the day may not be far distant when they may be untilized for fuel. The United States Bureau of Mines is doing a great work in undertaking to develop the mineral resources of this country, by suggesting better methods of manufacture so as to prevent waste. The manufacturers have been throwing away millions of dollars' worth of mineral by-products which were considered of no value. By experiments and discovtries, the Bureau is showing us how this waste material can be utilized.

The war in Europe spurred up this work, and when our dye supplies were cut off, from Germany especially, the Bureau lent its aid towards methods to make the United States independent as to dye stuffs. It is announced that success is assured and that the country not only has plenty of dy material but that high explosives may be manufactured at small cost from materials heretofore thrown away. Quite a number of industrial discoveries have been made, and along with them is a process for utilizing peat as fuel and for its by-products.

The Bureau declares that the very extensive peat beds of the United States contain a great and neglected source of combined nitrogen, easily convertible into ammonia, which is one of the most valuable and costly constituents of chemical fertilizers, and is now imported in large quantities from European countries. The Bureau's expert on peat declares that the situation in Minnesota, where great iron mines are now being worked with coal brought more than a thousand miles, is unnecessary. He intimates that a plant for turning the peat into its by-products will pay for itself to such an extent as to give power free to the mines.

It is pointed out that another industry has been aided to a great extent by the devising of a new process for the making of radium from the carnotite ores of Colorado and Utah, the cost of making radium by this process being so low that from government owned ore, at least(radium can be supplied to the hospitals of the army, navy and public health service in the treatment of cancer at a cost not exceeding $36,500 for each gram, or one-third of prices that had been obtained by foreign dealers.

The bureau learned that while the United States was either wasting or neglecting to use white china clays in the South, this country was importing each year more than $10,000,000 of china and porcelain, and in addition a quarter of a million tons of china clay which was manufactured here into various forms of white ware. The bureau has already notified the industry that the clay deposits of the South are, as a rule, as good as can be obtained anywhere, some of the clays being remarkably white and equal in quality to any imported. North Carolina's clay resources are among the richest in America.

PROSPERITY, PAST AND PRESENT.

Two Republicans who were discussing present conditions were overheard bemoaning the days of Republican prosperity. They evidently had not recovered from the depression brought on by the war during the last year or more and they were contrasting conditions with those of the past and blaming the troubles of the present on the Wilson administration. They never made any exception of the war in Europe, and they even forgot all about the much more serious Roosevelt depression when there wasn't any war.

The conversation became general and all agreed that in spite of all the alleged prosperity under Republican administrations they were not any more prosperous then than they are now. What share did the average man ever have in prosperity in Republican days? They had the average man's share and generally were no better off at the end of each year than they were at the beginning of any of those years of prosperity we hear so much about.

Many who talk so much about prosperity in Republican days way back yonder, when the country was fairly prosperous in spite of the Republicans, never experienced much of that prosperity, else they would have a lot of it left on hand to tide over such times as last year. The masses, indeed, have very little left over from the prosperity of Republican days, although the tariff beneficiaries can show what they have. When we hear men talking about Republican prosperity, we think the most astonishing part of it is that everybody didn't get rich in spite of themselves in those good old days of humbuggery.

The fact is, there are more opportunities and better times when economic conditions throughout the world bring about prosperous conditions. The Republicans have always taken credit for prosperity, but they never accept responsibility for the Roosevelt panic. However, when we had Republican prosperity, we ought to have gone out with a shovel and a hamper basket and loaded up on enough of it to last more than a year at a time. That couldn't be done by the average man, however, else he would have something to show for it now. The only fellow who knows what prosperity is, generally is, or was, is the one who works and saves what he makes when the times happen to be good. The most of us have to go out and make our own prosperity, and we would have to do it if the Republicans should come back and give the special interests one more chance to levy tribute on the masses.

If the country was so tarnally prosperous when McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft were President, everybody ought to be so rich now that they could tide over hard times when economic conditions get out of kilter in the world. There are times of depression and panics at various times in all the world. Europe as well. Nevertheless, when some people hunt for the cause they don't look beyond the end of their noses, though they should look all over the world and sum up the economic conditions that account for it.

There can be no war, no waste, no famine, no pestilence and no crop failure anywhere in the world that its effect is not felt throughout the world. When demand ceases and production falls off, wealth diminishes, ability to buy is limited and opportunity to sell is poor. Low prices and depression are the natural consequence, not only in America but everywhere else in the world. We have prosperity now and the Republicans next year will attribute it to economic conditions in Europe where the war creates such an immense demand on America.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN CATTLE RAISING.

Even the commercial journals and magazines in the North are pointing out the great opportunity which the South has to become a cattle, hog and livestock producer. The country is largely looking to the South, where the adaptabilities are recognized as superior to those of any other section for raising cattle and hogs. The meat problem is what is worrying the populous centers of the country and they are beginning to look around for relief. The New York Commercial is convinced that the country must look to the South, and it thus points to the opportunity ahead of the cattle and livestock industry:

"Livestock is not only high in price, and in strong demand now, but we are reasonably assured of a good market in Europe after the war is over. The supply of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs has been depleted in Great Britain, France and Italy, and is approaching the vanishing point in Germany, Austria-Hungary and the foreign territories now held by their armies. Prices of meats and fats in Germany have more than doubled within a year, according to official reports, and the consumption of all animal products is limited by law. When the war is over all central Europe will be in the market for desirable livestock, as well as for animal products, for prompt shipment to re-stock their farms and to furnish food for the people. Last year cattle and hogs were slaughtered freely to save grain and this is accountable for the existing shortage in both countries. Outside of Russia, all Europe will want livestock, and there may be a good demand in Russia as well. North America and Argentina will be the only sources of supply readily available, and the call will be for the best stock for breeding purposes. In the western states something is being done to provide for this opening, but it is in the South that the opportunities are greatest."

The reasons given are not only strong but logically convincing. The industry is increasing in North Carolina and other states as well. Alabama is making a special effort to become a hog raising state and is making fine progress. Georgia is paying particular attention to cattle raising. According to the Augusta Chronicle, the cattle tick, has been virtually eradicated in that part of Georgia. The movement to get rid of the pest has spread rapidly throughout that territory and most encouraging reports have been made to the state and federal departments of agriculture. Hog cholera and Texas fever have also been overcome, and the way is now open to raise high grade cattle. It does not cost much to get rid of the cattle tick. In Wilkes county, one of the largest in Georgia, the work has cost less than $5,000, and it is safe to say that every head of cattle is worth $5 more than before.

The Commercial regards all that as favorable and sums up the South's opportunity as follows:

"It has been hard to get the Southern farmers out of a rut, but now that they know the cattle tick can be fought with absolutely assured success, they should realize the value of the opening for raising cattle in a climate that is ideal. It costs less to raise cattle in the South than in the North or West because it is less expense and trouble to winter them, and there is a vast area of practically waste land for runs. Apart from the prospective foreign demand, the prosperity of the United States assures a large and steady demand for all animal and dairy products. The South must not raise less cotton, but more of other agricultural products, and all the cottonseed meal for which, when properly used, is the strongest and best feed, as the scientific dairy farmers of Denmark and Holland have proved."

A great opportunity in this line is presented to North Carolina, and we could not do any better to encourage it than by organizing livestock associations in every county in the State. Other Southern states are doing it. We know what the opportunities are—a great world demand for livestock and meat. We have all the advantages and we ought to take advantage of those advantages.

COTTON BAGGING MATERIAL.

The growing scarcity of bagging material, such as jute and sisal, is again directing attention to the chance of making cotton cloth material suitable for bag material. The supply of burlaps is getting way below the demand and the situation is becoming serious for the industries dependent upon burlap cloth. The consequence is an increased demand for coarse cotton goods, such a ducks, tent cloth, osnaburgs, drills, brown sheeting, etc.

There ought to be some process for making even better cotton bag cloths. Even if the South cannot furnish cotton goods to take the place of burlaps, there are plenty of fibre plants that can be produced in great abundance in the South. The government experts ought to look into this matter and start the South on another fibre producing crop.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Another thing for which Colonel Roosevelt might reprimand the President is the President's contumacious obstinacy in refusing to bark back.—Chicago News.

There seems to be considerable difference of opinion between the President and Jim Mann as to whether the tide is going out or coming in.—Washington Post.

Piedmont North Carolina was looking for snow Monday and Monday night, and had every right to be looking for it. But while these expectations were being vainly indulged in, Wilmington and the coast country, where snow is seldom known, were being buried under a six-inch fall. Another verification of the fact that the climate in the piedmont seldom, if ever, goes to extremes.—Charlotte Observer.

The action taken by the North Carolina Pine Association in session at Norfolk a few days ago, in regard to advertising their products, will mean much to the lumber men of North Carolina and Virginia. The dealers in all other varieties of building supplies have for years been advertising their products and that accounts for the fact that larger quantities of the same have been sold. If the lumber dealers will judiciously spend their money in advertising they will find that the benefit derived from the same will be great.—New Bern Sun.

"Strict observance of these quarantine regulations may result in holding the weevil in check in this state for two or three years longer than otherwise."—Walton Tribune. Statistics just completed by the National Government and received by State Entomologist Lee Worsham show that the progress of the boll weevil this year has been greater than at any time since the pest began invading the American farm lands. The high record of progress heretofore has been 46,000 square miles in one year. This year the weevil has advanced 86,000 square miles. It has been found that the pest has invaded a considerable new portion of Texas, and now extends into the far Northwest.—Augusta Chronicle.

The instructions from the city court to the police that the court would look with favor upon strict enforcement of the statute against the sale of dangerous toys to children under twelve given this morning were timely. The statute referred to makes it encumbent upon parents or guardians as well as merchants to guard against the possession by children of any weapon or explosive which is dangerous. The court had some margin for interpretation of this law, in the judgment of the character of the different toys, as to whether they are dangerous or not, and the safest course for merchants and others seems to be to refrain from selling or otherwise permitting to the hands of the young anything in the toy line which may under any ordinary condition be a menace to them.—Greensboro News.

DR. PERSON SCORES A POINT IN FIGHT FOR A. C. L. MONEY.

Attorney Woodard Ordered to Appear in Court as to the $5,000.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 22.—Judge Bond, in the Superior court, granted the application asked by attorneys representing Dr. Thomas Person and issued an order requiring Attorney John E. Woodard to appear before Judge C. M. Cooke, at Wilson, January 17, and show cause why he should not be required to at once pay over to Thomas Person all monies or securities which he has or should have in his possession to which Dr. Person may be entitled.

This order followed the filing in the court of the petition stating that Mr. Woodard, while acting as attorney for Dr. Person, received from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad the sum of $5,000, as a compromise in the damage suit brought against the railway company at the instance of Dr. Person. Affidavits were also filed with the court to the effect that this money was still in the hands of Mr. Woodard and that Dr. Person was in a needy condition.

Attorneys for Mr. Woodard make no statement for publication and Mr. Woodard himself is waiting the time for the formal hearing of the order of the court.

Dr. Person was for many years postmaster here and was succeeded last January by Mr. William Smith. Mr. Woodard married the daughter of Mrs. Person and the two families have been very intimate and after leaving the hospital following treatment for his injuries, Dr. Person was for some time at the home of Mr. Woodard.

John E. Woodard is one of the leading attorneys of Wilson and was formerly a member of the State Legislature, representing this district in the Senate.

INTEREST IN SCHOOL INSPECTION IS GROWING.

Work in Alamance and Northampton Gaining Favor.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—Medical school inspection work is on the increase in interest and popularity in Alamance and Northampton counties, according to reports from the medical inspectors of these counties, Dr. T. M. Jordan of Alamance, and Dr. A. C. Bulla, of Northampton. Dr. Jordan reports increased attendance at the community meetings and a wholesome interest on the part of the teachers and schools as a whole.

One of the Alamance teachers writing on the subject of Health Day, a feature of the medical school inspection work, says: "Speaking as one who has already had Health Day, I wish to say that I consider the time spent by my students on the work the most valuable they have ever put on any subject. Not only have they learned something about conserving their health, but it paid from a literary standpoint. Their work on their health compositions was of a much higher order than that of the ordinary composition because the interest was greater."

Dr. Bulla writes that the work is meeting with hearty co-operation and success in Northampton and that interest in the work is daily increasing.

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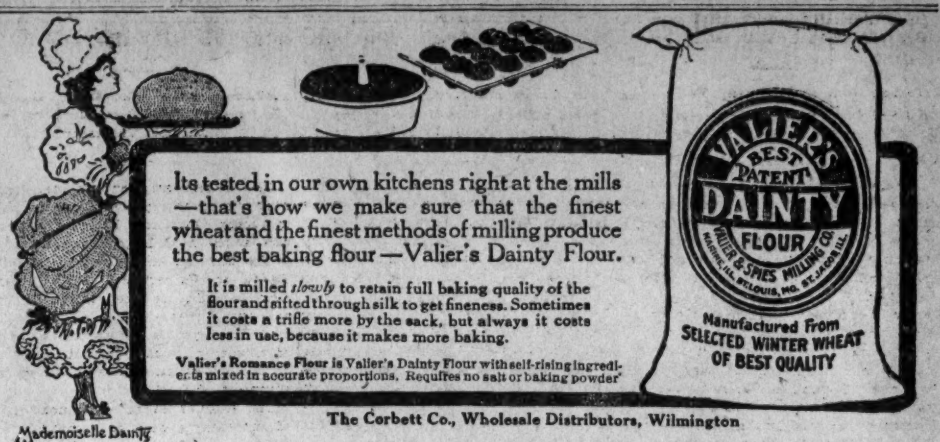
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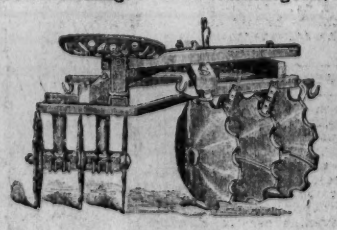

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CITY COUNCIL DID NOT MEET

Quorum Was Lacking and Mayor Was Out of City—No Meeting Likely Before Next Week.

There was no meeting of City Council yesterday. This was not on account of the approaching Christmas holidays, but because a quorum was lacking. Mayor Moore had gone to Hopewell, Va., and only Councilman Jones, Hall and Bunting were on hand when the meeting was due to be held. Councilman Bradshaw had intended to attend but arrived ten minutes too late. Councilman McCaig was out of the city. Councilman Merritt was detained at his office on account of important business. City Attorney Ruark and Fire Chief Schnibben were present and Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, was in his accustomed seat at the councilmanic table.

But it was no use. The meeting could not be held. There were no important matters to be transacted anyway, it was stated, and the session would have been a short one, if there had been a quorum. It is not expected that there will be a meeting before Wednesday of next week.

Superintendent Merritt and Assistant Superintendent Branch, of the Water and Sewerage Department, have filed with the city clerk and treasurer their answers to the recent communication of Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, which is understood to have contained statements reflecting to some degree upon the management of this branch of the municipal government. It was understood that this matter would come up before City Council yesterday but it was stated that had it been taken up, nothing more would have been done except to set a date for the hearing.

Dr. Nesbitt's communication was read before a special committee of Council some time ago, but it was not considered, as it was desired to give Messrs. Merritt and Branch an opportunity to reply to it before going further into the matter. This was an executive meeting and the proceedings were not made public.

The only other matter due to come before Council yesterday was that of making arrangements for having a larger Council chamber. The partitions in the city engineer's office have been removed and the only question to be considered is whether or not the mayor's office shall be moved on the west side of the building and his present office be used for the meetings of Council.

MRS. ELIZABETH M'INTOSH DEAD

Highly Respected Christian Woman Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon.

Many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth McIntosh, widow of the late Neill McIntosh, which occurred yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Imperial Hotel. She had only been ill a few days and her death came as a great shock. The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 12:30 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. S. Boylan, No. 9 South Fourth street. The interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Mrs. McIntosh was a native of Randolph county, having been born on April 16, 1858, and was, therefore, in the 58th year of her age. She had lived in Wilmington for many years and was widely known here. For some time she had had charge of the Imperial Hotel and previous to this operated the Colonia Inn.

She was a faithful member of Grace Methodist church and was a fine type of Christian woman.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. M. O. Bryce and Mrs. G. S. Boylan; one step-son, Mr. D. M. McIntosh; one step-daughter, Miss Montle McIntosh; three sisters, Mrs. Helen G. Lane and Mrs. D. B. Futrell, of Wilmington, and Mrs. D. R. Bordeaux, of Zara, N. C., and a half brother, Mr. J. A. Green, also of Zara. The bereaved family will have a sympathy of many friends.

OFFICERS ARE INVITED.

To Witness Private Exhibition of "Battle Cry of Peace" at Victoria.

Mr. Jno. J. Payette, special representative of "The Battle Cry of Peace," which is to be presented at the Victoria theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, is perfecting arrangements for a private showing of the production Saturday morning before the city officials, officers from the revenue cutter Seminole and from Fort Caswell.

Mr. Payette goes to Fort Caswell this morning to interview Colonel Bennett, the commander, relative to bringing a large number from the fort, including the band, for the private showing. The production, made under the supervision of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, has a particular appeal for naval and military men, in its strong appeal for preparedness in order to avert war, and all prominent officials, including Secretary of War Garrison, Governor Goldsborough, of Maryland; Theodore Roosevelt and others have been greatly interested in its production and exploitation throughout the country.

WILL SEND EXTRADITION PAPERS

Colored New Hanover Convict in Custody in New York.

Allen Pearsall, colored, who was sent to the New Hanover county roads for five years on the 6th of January, 1914, for breaking into Mr. Meares Harriss' house, and who escaped on the 30th of that same month, is now serving a sentence on Blackwell's Island, New York, which sentence will expire about January 1, 1916. There being about five years yet to be served of his sentence here, Governor Craig will be asked to send extradition papers to the governor of New York, for his return here.

At the request of Solicitor Homer L. Lyon, of Whiteville, County Solicitor George L. Peschau, of this city, made out requisition papers and yesterday forwarded them to Solicitor Lyon, who will sign and mail them to the Governor.

Fire Alarm Not Sent In.

Mr. G. T. Williamson, superintendent of the city fire alarm system, stated yesterday that a box [illegible] which it was [illegible] work Tuesday morning when fire broke out in the storage of Lassiter-McDuffie Company, and never been "pulled." This is connected with the fire department headquarters by underground wires, he states, and would have worked all right. Mr. Williamson was ill in bed with la grippe but went to work Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock and stayed on the job until he got all the wires in operation. He knows but many of them out of commission.

Hurry!
If you want good seats for "The Whirl of Life."
(Advertisement.)

BIG CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

Many Thousands of Yuletide Gifts Being Shipped by Mail and Express —Increase Notable.

The Yuletide spirit makes all the world akin and nowhere is it in more evidence than in Wilmington. Each incoming train brings a vast quantity of Christmas gifts of all kinds which are dispatched with promptness to their final destination through the postoffice and the express office, while every train going out carries hundreds of remembrances for friends and relatives in this and other states. From across the seas come remembrances from friends and relatives and even far distant China sends her quota of presents to people living in Wilmington.

All day yesterday the lobby of the Wilmington postoffice was crowded with young and old, each engaged in filling out the various and sundry forms Uncle Sam has provided for getting packages properly directed to their destination. It was a happy throng for Christmas giving engenders that kind of spirit. Pessimistic souls grumble that Christmas giving has become so general but those who know better are glad because it brings together friends and relatives.

"I never saw so many turkeys in all my life," declared a man at the Southern Express office. And in truth it did seem that there were enough turkeys to furnish everyone with a Christmas dinner and then some. But that wasn't all. There were hundreds and hundreds of packages of many kinds. And not a great deal of this stuff belonged to the refreshment variety. Mr. J. W. Smith, the agent, has three double team wagons and six single team wagons busy collecting and delivering express of all kinds. He is taking care of all business with promptness.

The train from the North was too hours late yesterday and when it did come after it had given up its load of Christmas mail, there was a big automobile truck piled high with mail sacks—and every one of them was filled to overflowing. Inside the postoffice a score of clerks were busy dispatching mail. As fast as it comes in, the sacks are emptied and it is dumped through a chute into the basement. Here it is assorted, according to routes, and then placed in sacks. Two double team wagons and the big automobile truck, each accompanied by two men, deliver it to all parts of the city.

Exactly 299 sacks of mail was received by the Wilmington office Tuesday and all of this was delivered and the postoffice started with a clean sheet yesterday morning. Postmaster Green stated yesterday that he did not anticipate any difficulty in keeping up with the mail today and tomorrow although the volume of business was larger yesterday than on any preceding day.

As compared with last year up until the same time, the Wilmington postoffice has handled a third more. This is due largely to the beter times. The express business is also much larger, especially the incoming express.

TELEGRAPH MESSENGER BOYS ENTERTAINED AT FINE DINNER

Mr. H. A. Webber, Manager of Elks' Club, Has Happy Christmas.

The Postal and Western Union messenger boys, who are probably the best and most polite corps in the country, feel that their splendid services are more appreciated than they would have had it not been for the big heart of Mr. H. A. Webber, manager of the Elks' Club, who is so closely associated with them, the Western Union office being in the first floor of the Elks' Temple. Yesterday the third annual banquet he has given for them in the Elks' dining hall, was well attended and probably the most enjoyed of any yet.

The boys have developed a strong attachment for Mr. Webber, who treats them like a father. They are never a rowdy set and never give Mr. Webber and trouble. They took their places like so many grown up gentlemen at the banquet yesterday and listened attentively while Mr. Webber made them a fatherly talk. It was a fine time for such a talk. There was the table set with a luscious dinner and the beautifully decorated Christmas tree that contained a pair of stockings, crammed chock full to the top, for each of the 18 boys. Mr. Webber told them of the good it would mean to them in after years to lead lives of honest young men.

The Christmas tree was tastefully decorated and placed in the dining hall near the table and the presents were taken off and given to the boys. The menu was as follows:

Celery Pickles
Roast Turkey—Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
June Peas Canned Fruit
Rice Potatoes
Escalloped Oysters
Fruit Punch
Block Cream Fruit Cake
Christmas stocking and Christmas Bay

SALVATION ARMY WORK.

Christmas Tree Monday Night—125 Baskets Given Out.

The local post of the Salvation Army has been busy the past few weeks preparing to give a splendid Christmas to the poor of the city. Adjutant and Mrs. Mataxas have arranged to give out 125 Christmas baskets, and on next Monday night they will give the big Christmas tree that had been planned for Christmas Eve. Besides the Christmas tree Monday night, a programme has been arranged, which will begin at 7 o'clock.

This work has been done at considerable cost and an appeal is sent out to the people of the city, who are above the suffering point, to render assistance in this work of helping the poor. Adjutant and Mrs. Mataxas say they have seen many homes in destitute need of bedding sufficient for this cold weather.

Robber Gets Cases of Milk.

W. A. Whitehead & Sons, merchandise brokers, No. 229 North Water street, reported yesterday to the police that a thief had entered their warehouse and stolen five cases of Jersey milk. Investigation was made, but nothing definite was found.

A. C. L. and S. A. L. Take Christmas.

Announcement has been made by the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line railways that their freight depots in Wilmington will be closed Saturday, December 25, and Saturday, January 1, except from 8 to 10 a. m. for the delivery of perishable freight.

Going Fast!
The choice minimum priced seats for "The Whirl of Life."
(Advertisement.)

SHIP BIRMINGHAM PIG IRON

Alabama Steel Company Exports Through This Port for South American Shipment.

The second shipment of steel from Alabama to be exported from this port in recent years, is 1,000 tons of steel, now at the A. C. L. terminals awaiting to be sent on the American steamer Bantu to Valparaiso, Chile, South America. The steamer arrived in the quarantine yesterday and will today steam into port and discharge a cargo of nitrate of soda from Chile, at the A. C. L. terminals before taking on the shipment of steel.

The steamer Bantu was much delayed in reaching here on account of the slide in the Culebra cut, Panama Canal, which caused the steamer to have to go around by the southern extremity of South America, through the famous Strait of Magellan, which required about a month's time.

The cargo of nitrate of soda will be discharged after which the pig iron will be taken on. The steamer will then sail to New York to complete the cargo. It is likely that passage can then be had through the Panama Canal on the return trip, as it is expected that the Culebra Cut will be cleared by January 1st.

Wilmington has never had much exporting from the iron districts of Alabama, this being the second shipment in years. The manufacture of iron in Alabama is one of the greatest industries in the South and their shipping is important. It should be of deep interest to Wilmington people to know that conditions can be such as to make it profitable for the iron dealers to export from this port. The shipment was brought over the Seaboard Air Line Railway in carload lots from the United States Steel Products Company, in the district of Birmingham.

"JUDGE" BORNEMANN IN RACE.

One of the Oldest Justices in New Hanover County Will Run.

It will be interesting news to his friends to know that "Judge" George W. Bornemann, one of New Hanover's county's oldest justices, will be in the race in the next primary to succeed himself.

The Judge yesterday made the following statement: "A great many friends ask, 'Why do you continue to run for the same office year after year? Why not offer yourself for a higher office? Your friends would stand by you and help you get it'."

The Judge says his answer is: "Have you ever seen a bird make its nest? So has Judge Bornemann made his nest and lined it with love, music and charity. I have never turned away the hungry, even though it took my last cent. I have never turned away a man who asked me for a coat if I had two. I want the world to understand that I am a Christian and have no time to run down any church nor to interfere with any man in the pursuance of his duties. Christianity is like a great ocean and the individual churches like so many streams running into it.

"I have but a few years more in this world and with the help of God I expect to make them useful to the good people of Wilmington. The city by the Cape Fear has given me the best years of my life and the best service in my power is the just return I owe."

HIGH SCHOOL TO ENTER

State Basketball Championship Contest —Officers Elected.

At a recent meeting of the Wilmington High school association officers were elected for the ensuing year and it was also decided to enter the State championship contest this season. Mr. Isaac Silverman was elected captain of the basketball team and Mr. Alfred Hall was made manager. The officers of the association are: President, Isaac Silverman; vice president, M. Rhodes; secretary and treasurer, J. C. Monroe.

On next Thursday night, December, 30, the High school will play the varsity team of the Boys' Brigade at the Brigade armory. A small charge for admission will be made, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the High School Association.

DEATH OF MR. POWELL

Aged Citizen Died Yesterday Morning at Roan's Landing.

Many friends here and elsewhere will learn with regret of the death of Mr. J. C. Powell, which occurred at his home at Roan's Landing, up the Cape Fear river, yesterday morning at 1:20 o'clock.

Mr. Powell was a splendid citizen and a loyal Mason. He was well known over this section of the State and numbered his friends by the number of his acquaintances. He was in his 81st year and was preceded by his faithful wife about one month ago. There are many relatives left to mourn his death.

Funeral services will be conducted from the residence today by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church. Interment will be in the family burying ground.

CORN THEFT CASES TODAY

Justice Harriss Postponed Hearing Yesterday Until Today.

The hearing of the cases against E. W. Burnett, colored, for alleged receiving of stolen goods, Walter Medway, Pryer Aiken and R. J. Pollock, all colored, charged with being implicated in breaking into an A. C. L. freight car a few nights ago, while the car was on the tracks between the warehouse and the Champion Compress, was postponed yesterday by Justice Harriss until today. Burnett is out under $500 bond, while the other three negroes are in jail. County Officer H. Mack Godwin has been working on the cases and thinks he has strong evidence against the defendants in the cases.

SERVICES AT GRACE CHURCH

Rev. L. E. Thompson will Preach Sunday Morning in Absence of Pastor.

Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, will preach at Grace Methodist church Sunday morning in the absence of the pastor, Rev. M. T. Plyler, who is spending the Christmas holidays on a visit to relatives. At the evening service, Rev. J. P. Pate, pastor of Bladen Street Methodist church, will preach.

Rev. Mr. Pate, formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Whiteville, will preach his first sermon as pastor of Bladen Street church on Sunday morning and Presiding Elder Thompson will preach at this church Sunday night.

"The Whirl of Life"
Starring the world famous Castles, Victoria tomorrow and Saturday. Get your seats today.
(Advertisement.)

CONDUCTORS HAVE BANQUET

Railroad Men Have Most Enjoyable Affair—Musical Entertainment —Splendid Addresses.

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, Cape Fear Division, No. 271, Order of Railway Conductors of America, gave a banquet in the Masonic Temple last night which was attended by more than 50 people, including a number of the wives and daughters of the railroad men. Capt. Haywood Clark was toastmaster and following the sumptuous repast of good things to eat and a splendid musical entertainment, eloquent and witty addresses were made by George B. Elliott, Esq., general solicitor of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Judge W. P. Stacy.

Two long tables had been placed in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple on the third floor and these were beautifully decorated in holiday colors. It was about 9 o'clock when the conductors sat down for the banquet which lasted until after 11 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, who has the confidence and high esteem of every railroad man as of all others who know him, asked the blessing and then in a short address paid a fine tribute to the faithfulness of conductors.

It was nearly 11 o'clock before Captain Clark was able to introduce the speakers of the evening. He performed the duties of toastmaster in a most acceptable manner and to him is due much credit for the success of the occasion.

Captain Clark stated that General Superintendent King had been unable to attend on account of illness but had sent word that he hoped to be present at the next banquet. Inasmuch as this was the first banquet ever given by the local division, Captain Clark declared that it was in order for him to express the hope that Mr. King might have this privilege but was afraid he might have to wait a long time.

The benefits of co-operation and organization were discussed by General Solicitor Elliott, who did not, however, allow himself to be too serious in talking about such a big subject. He called attention to the injunction that he had received that it didn't matter much what he talked about just so he didn't talk too long and declared that he would try not to forget it.

Judge Stacy in an eloquent address emphasized the fact that the true aim of every life should be to render service and pointed out as a most excellent example of this truth the great organization of railroad conductors. It does not matter much in what field men serve, he declared, but it is all important that their service shall be of value to the world. Estenal vigilance, fidelity to duty and the ability to deliver the goods were named as the a -important essentials.

Miss Katie Foard captivated her hearers with a solo entitled "The Banjo Song" by Sydney Homer, and in response to the encore sang "My Beaming Eyes" by MacDowell. Miss Hortense Strickland pleased her audience greatly with a solo, "Thy Parting Kiss" by Walter S. Young. As an encore she sang a second selection which was enjoyed as much as the first one.

The Croom Quintette, a well known local musical organization, sang "The Silent Night," which was followed by the singing of Southern melodies. The audience was loath for them to stop and this was one of the most pleasant features of the evening's entertainment.

The Whitlock-West Orchestra played a number of selections during the evening in their usual splendid manner and each was warmly applauded.

As the guests arrived they were met at the door by members of the reception committee which was composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. West and Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Clark.

The menu for the dinner was as follows:

Oyster cocktail, crackers,
Roast turkey, Cranberry Sauce
Celery, olives and pickles
Rice, creamed potatoes, French peas
Asparagus salad on lettuce
Mayonnaise dressing.
Ice crea mand cake, coffee and cheese
cigars, cigarettes.

SURBURBAN CAR SCHEDULE

Half-Hour Cars to Be Operated Tomorrow Afternoon and Also Saturday.

The Tide Water Power Company announces that on Christmas Eve a half hour schedule will be operated on the Suburban line from 2 to 10 p. m. This extra service is for the accommodation of Christmas shoppers living in the district served by the beach line.

On Christmas day the regular week day schedule will be operated in the morning, but in the afternoon half-hour service will be given from 2 to 5 p. m. the same as on Sundays.

No freight will be handled on the suburban line on Christmas day.

Last Games of Fall Season.

The Friday Night League of the Boys' Brigade will play tonight instead of tomorrow night, and these games will close the fall season. The line-up for tonight is Dodgers against Braves and Reds against Seminoles.

Hurry!
If you want good seats for "The Whirl of Life."
(Advertisement.)

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It Stops Itching Instantly, and Clears Away Unsightly Eruptions.

If your skin itches and burns with eczema or any such tormenting, unsightly skin disease, simply wash the sore places with Resinol Soap and hot water, dry, and apply a little Resinol Ointment. The itching stops INSTANTLY, you no longer have to dig and scratch, sleep becomes possible, and healing begins at once. That is because the soothing, antiseptic Resinol medication strikes right into the surface, arrests the action of the disease, and almost always restores the tortured, inflamed skin to perfect health—quickly, easily and at little cost.

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Let Santa Claus Put On The Xmas Tree

One of our Little Dime Banks for the Boy or Girl. They are absolutely Free for the Asking, and will add to the attractiveness of your Christmas Tree or the contents of the baby's stocking.

The "People's" wants to join with Santa Claus in the gifts to your little ones, so call today and let us give you the bank.

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THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

Corner Front and Princess Streets.

NEW Gold Silver Currency

As has been our custom for the past fifteen years, we have laid in an abundant supply of new money for the Christmas needs of our customers.

Yours for service and safety.

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Company

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Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank.

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A few thousand of No. 1-A still to offer at 25c. per M; less than the regular manufacturers' price to the wholesale trade, making the price $3.25 per M.

We also have a carload or more of culls to offer at $1.50 per M. These are 4x20s.

One (1) E. M. F. 5-passenger utomobile; motor best of shape, for $200.0o cash or good paper.

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One (1) Oliver Typewriter — practically ne .

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64 in. Silver Bleached German Damask, at 79c
72 in. Silver Bleached German Damask, at 98c
64 in. Mercerized Table Damask, 50c value, at 39c
16x16 Fringed Napkins, all linen, $2.50 value, at, dozen $1.98
19x19 Hemstitched Napkins, all linen, $3.50 value, at $2.98
$5.00 Satin Damask Napkins, match $1.39 Linen, at $3.98
$4.00 Satin Damask Napkins, match 89c Linen, at $3.50
$3.50 German Silver Bleached Napkins, match 98c Linen, at .. $2.98

Linen and Bath Towels

20x38 All Linen Huck Towels, at..... 25c and 48c
20x38 Scallop Edge Damask Towels, at 48c
24x48 Heavy Colored Border Bath Towels, at 50c
24x42 Heavy Colored Border Bath Towels, at 25c

Satin and Imported Counterpanes

78x88 Imported Satin Counterpanes, combination colors, absolutely fast, at $3.69
Extra Large White Satin Counterpanes, $5.00 value, at $3.69
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Medium Large White Crochet Counterpanes, $1.25 value, at ... 98c

Crepe de Chine Waist at $1.98

Another big shipment just reached us, and will be placed on sale today, all the leading shades; sizes run from 38 to 44; values up to $3.00. Price, while they last $1.98

Give Royal Society Art Packages for Christmas.

Belk-Williams Co.
210-212 NORTH FRONT STREET

New Lot Men's Ties on Sale Today at 50c.

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. Calvin Wells is spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Wells.

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Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hanby and two children have gone to New York to spend the holidays.

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Mr. Thomas Wells, who has been a student in Augusta Military Academy, is spending the holidays at home.

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Mrs. W. M. Crownstream has returned to her home at Watha, N. C., after visiting in the city for several weeks.

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Miss Doloris Holt, who has been a student in St. Mary's College at Raleigh, has arrived to spend the holidays in the city.

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Miss Lilly May Duls returned home yesterday from college to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Duls.

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Misses Miriam Holliday and Sue Northrop are at home for the holidays. They have been attending St. Mary's College in Raleigh.

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Messrs. Gray Hicks and Fowler Morrison have returned from the A. & M. College at Raleigh to spend the holidays in the city.

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Mrs. W. G. Perkins and little daughter, Evelyn, left yesterday for Whiteville, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

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Mr. Ed Newton, of Southport, who has been a student at the A. & M. College at Raleigh, was in the city yesterday en route to his home.

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Miss Winifred Shepard, who is a student at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C., is at home to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shepard.

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Mr. Walker Taylor, Jr., who is a student in Princeton University, has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Col. and Mrs. Walker Taylor.

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Miss Glenn B. Lumpkin, stenographer in the United States Engineer's office, left last night for Washington, D. C., where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

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Miss Alice P. Carter, her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Blackwelder, and grandson, Master McKay Blackwelder, of Old Fort, N. C., are in the city visiting relatives.

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Miss Caroline M. Wise, of Alexandria, Va., and her nephew, George Wise Darst, son of Bishop Darst, are spending the holidays at the See House on Orange street.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. O'Neill, of Birmingham, Ala., have arrived in the city to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hinton, Carolina Heights, for the Christmas holidays.

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Mr. Roy Craig, who is a student in the Princeton Preparatory school at Princeton University, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Craig.

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Messrs. Harry Shaw, William Cumming, John Allan Thames and Dalziel Sprunt, who have been attending Davidson College, are at nome to spend the Christmas holidays.

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Mr. John C. Freimuth is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Freimuth, No. 120 North Ninth street. Mr. Freimuth is in school at Newberry, S. C.

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Mr. Alfred von Siller, junior engineer in the local branch of the district engineer's office, has gone to New Rochelle, N. Y., where he will join his wife, who has been there for some time visiting relatives.

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Dr. and Mrs. D. P. High will leave this morning for Lancaster, S. C., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives of Mrs. High. Dr. High expects to return to the city the early part of next week.

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Mr. Thomas R. Whitehead, a student at Nazareth Hall Military Academy in Pennsylvania, where he has made a splendid record the past term, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Whitehead, on Orange street.

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The First Presbyterian church, Sunday school will have its annual Christmas entertainment tonight in the Abbie Chadbourn Memorial hall. There will be a charming little play given and refreshments will be served. There will be no charge for admission but those who will are requested to bring an orange to be put in the basket for the poor.

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GLOVER-HIGDON NUPTIALS CELEBRATED LAST EVENING

A pretty wedding last evening at 8 o'clock was that of Mr. William G. Glover, and Miss Helen Higdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Higdon, of Fayetteville, performed at the beautiful country residence of Mr. G. W. Westbrook, of Bradley's Creek, near Wrightsville. Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's Episcopal church of this city, officiated.

The home was attractively decorated in Southern smilax. Mr. McCullough Wilson, and Miss Peschau were their only attendants. Miss Elizabeth Westbrook presided at the piano, and sang a beautiful solo just before the bridal party entered the room where the ceremony was performed.

Mr. Glover is a popular clerk in the local A. C. L. offices and they will be at home in the city after January 1.

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BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING LAST EVENING AT PINEVIEW.

A beautiful home wedding was celebrated last evening at Pineview Farm, the beautiful country home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Annie M. Horne, on the shell road a few miles south of the city, when Miss Annie M. Horne became the bride of Mr. Frank L. LeRay.

The home was attractively decorated in a pink and white color scheme. The bride wore a gown of beautiful white satin and georgette crede and a veil, carrying a beautiful bouquet of bride roses. She was attended by Miss Mattie Capps, her niece, as maid of honor, who was beautiful in a dress of pink crepe de chine, carrying a bunch of pink carnations.

The groom entered the parlor with his best man, Mr. Clayton Horne, brother of the bride, and they stood under an improvised arch and said the solemn vows to Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who performed the ceremony. Miss Madeline Cullen, niece of the bride, acted as ring bearer, carrying the ring on a beautiful white rose. She was beautifully gowned in white silk. Mrs. Walter Horne, sister-in-law of the bride, presided at the piano, playing the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin, as the bridal party entered the parlor, and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," for the recessional.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for the party, at which an elegant supper was served. Miss Annie Newton and Miss Roxie Lewis received the guests at the door.

The happy couple will leave this morning on the Seaboard for Charlotte to spend several days visiting the groom's relatives. The bride's going away dress is a beautiful green coat suit and black picture hat. They will be at home at Pineview Farm after January 1st.

LOCAL DOTS.

—There was a good attendance last night, considering the weather, at Immanuel Presbyterian church at the regular prayer services, which were made more interesting on account of the Christmas exercises.

—Suit was started in the Recorder's court yesterday by the Standard Supply Company against the Brett Engineering and Construction Company, of Wilson. The plaintiff is represented by Kenan & Stacy. No complaint was filed.

—The approach of Christmas is too much for some of the colored citizens of Wilmington and in their high glee, they forget themselves and fall into the hands of the police and fail in their purpose for the free and enjoyable celebration. For instance Dora Crawford, colored, reached such a high state of glee yesterday that her loud voice became a nuisance and Policeman H. G. Bullard had to put her in the city prison, to await hearing today on a charge of disorderly conduct.

PERSONALS.

—Mr. HenryDaniel, of Nichol, S. C., is spending a few days in the city.

—Mr. Walter Leonard, of Supply, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Louis Hanson returned yesterday morning from Rocky Mount, where he went on business.

—Mr. J. B. Montgomery has returned from Baltimore, Md., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Montgomery, No. 719 Princess street.

—Mr. Hazel R. Aiken, the popular county food inspector, left yesterday for Hickory, N. C., where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

—Mr. Walter G. Hashagen, who is a student in Randolph-Macon College at Bedford City, Va., is spending the Christmas holidays in the city with his parents.

RECORDER HAS BUT ONE CASE

"Sinkey Joe" in Jail in Default of Bond in Two Cases.

Joe Smith, better known as "Sinkey Joe," colored, went to jail yesterday, following a short session of the Recorder's court, in default of $50 bond in two cases against him. He will get another hearing today. One of the cases is for assaulting another negro with a pistol and the other is for carrying the pistol concealed.

Maggie Bentley, white, who was to have had a hearing yesterday on a charge of selling liquor, will get a hearing today instead. Mollie Spicer, colored, will also get a hearing today on a similar charge.

GEN. METTS PRESENTS FLAG

Stars and Bars in North Carolina Hall of History.

Raleigh Times of yesterday had the following article of much interest:

"A Confederate flag, the first pattern, the 'Stars and Bars,' was prtsented today through Gen. James I. Metts, of Wilmington, to the North Carolina Hall of History. It is of silk and was made by young ladies, who presented it to the company of Capt. W. T. Ennett, in what is now Pender county. The stars and spangled. The flag was the property of the daughters of Capt. Ennett, who later in the war was the major of the Third regiment, North Carolina State troops. Other gifts to the Hall of History today were made by Mr. J. W. Barrett, of Rocky Mount, consisting of an unusually well-made Indian axe of stone, and an Indian ornament of white quartz. Through Mr. W. P. Monroe, of Wilmington, there came a part of the coffin of Cornelius Harnett, a notable patriot during the war of the Revolution, who is buried in St. James church yard at Wilmington. The coffin was unearthed in 1901 and this fragment was preserved. The wood is cedar and it is studden with large-headed brass tacks."

JEFFERSON LODGE TO DINE

Rally to Be Held in Pythian Building This Evening—Invitations.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, Knights of Pythias, is preparing to entertain its members and visiting brothers this evening at a dinner and rally to be held in the lodge room at 8 o'clock, and a pleasant affair is promised. During the past week post card invitations have been mailed out and Keeper of Records and Seal N. S. Haskett is asking the recipients to notify him by return card whether or not they will attend.

The lodge will open and close in due form after which the Knights will proceed in a body to the dinner and the committee gives assurance that it will be a treat for the inner man. There will be speeches by prominent Pythians and other features of an altogether enjoyable nature.

THREE TEAMS LINKED FOR FIRST

Intresting Games of Volley Ball Tuesday Night.

There were two interesting games of volley ball Tuesday night at the Y. M. C. A., by the Volley Ball League, which resulted in three of the teams linking for highest honors. Both games Tuesday night were fast and snappy. The games next Tuesday night are bound to make a change in the team standing. Their defeats and victories are as follows:

Name.	W	L	Pts.
DuVall	9	6	9
Brown	9	6	9
Hellen	9	6	9
Pridgen	3	12	3

SEMINOLE ON SECOND CRUISE

Cutter Has Gone on Southern End of Territory—Here Christmas.

The United States coast guard cutter Seminole, which had recently returned from the first winter cruise in the northern end of her territory, left yesterday for the second cruise of this season, going to the southern end of the territory, which reaches to Charleston, S. C.

It is the intention of the officials, if nothing serious happens, that the cutter will return here tomorrow evening and the jackies will spend their Christmas and New Year's holidays in the city.

YOKE FELLOWS ELECT.

Officers Chosen by Y. M. C. A. Extension Workers—Reports Made.

At a recent meeting of the Yoke Fellows, an organization of members of the Y. M. C. A. for doing extension work, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mr. Eli Cavenaugh; vice president, Mr. J. M. Bullard; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. B. Huntington. The work of the band during the past six months has been very successful and the Yoke Fellows are planning to continue it on a larger scale.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: Thomas E. Cooper, trustee, to R. L. Daniels, for 150 and other considerations, lot 23 in South Wilmington Place; Noble Milton and wife to Allen E. Jackson and wife, 230 feet south of Campbell; A. H. Shepard to George B. Applewhite, for 100 and other considerations, lot on west side of Tenth street, 66 feet south of Wright, 33 by 160 feet in size; Charles E. Smith and wife to Southeastern Realty Company, for $100 and other considerations, lots 18 and 19 at Carolina Place.

LEAVES PEPSI-COLA COMPANY

Mr. J. C. Wagner, Jr., Succeeded by Mr. Love Davis.

Mr. Love Davis has succeeded Mr. J. C. Wagner, Jr., who for several years has been the popular manager of the Wilmington Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company. Mr. Wagner resigned the position in which he has made many friends, to go into other lines of business.

Pigford-Stone Wedding.

Miss Tessie Pigford became the bride of Mr. Jesse E. Stone last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Luther Clemmons, No. 1015 South Second street. Judge George W. Bornemann performed the ceremony. The wedding was a quit affair, only immediate friends were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Stone will make their home at No. 1015 South Second street, after January 1.

Mr. Deaton Gets Promotion.

Friends here and elsewhere will be glad to hear that Mr. W. E. Deaton, the popular representative of the Texas Oil Company in this city, has been promoted to the agency at Charlottesville, Va. Mr. Deaton will leave Sunday for Charlottesville, where he will make preparations to begin his work on the first of the new year.

Building in Fremont, N. C.

Messrs. Rhodes & Underwood, of this city, have been awarded the contract for the building of two brick stores and office building at Fremont, N. C., for Mr. J. T. Hooks. The building will cost about $10,000. Mr. B. H. Stephens, of Wilmington, is the architect and work will begin on January 1.

FUNERAL OF MR. LATTA.

Body Will Arrive Here This Morning from Brooklyn, N. Y.

The funeral of Mr. Adam G. Latta, who died Tuesday morning at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., after an illness of several days, will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his late residence in this city, No. 311 North Seventh street, by Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

The body is expected this morning on the A. C. L. train from New York, from whence it will be taken to the late residence.

NAT C. GOODWIN WAS MOST OF THE PLAY.

Well Known Actor Appears at Academy of Music—Audience Pleased.

Mr. Nat C. Goodwin, the well known actor, who appeared at the Academy of Music last night in Wm. H. Post's farcical comedy, "Never Say Die," wasn't the whole show by any means for he was ably supported by Margaret Moreland and the other members of the company presenting the play, but he came in for a large part of it and did it well. The play designed for laughing purposes furnishes a splendid vehicle for a man of Mr. Goodwin's ability.

There wasn't a large audience but those there did not fail to show their appreciation. At the end of each of the three acts, there was vociferous applause and the curtain was kept bobbing up and down until all the members of the company could show their appreciation of the cordial reception given them.

Nat Goodwin has been in the public eye for a number of years now—he has even appeared in moving pictures—but the show last night was far from being a moving picture. The personality of Goodwin was a big winning point.

The play had some plot—a most improbable one—but that wasn't the principal feature by any means. The acting of the different members of the company—all good ones—furnished the entertainment.

Most of the action of the play is supposed to take place in London and Nat Goodwin is the millionaire whom the doctors have consigned to an early grave. But he doesn't die and therein come complications and they are all so arranged that Goodwin is the big star. He never becomes serious and yet he never seems to be anything more than a rather crusty sort of fellow, but he is a consummate master of his art.

BRIGADE LYCEUM DELIGHTFUL.

One of Best Numbers of Season Presented at Armory Last Evening.

Despite the bad weather, Christmas shopping and various other attractions in the city, there was a good attendance last evening at the auditorium of the Boys' Brigade armory to hear the Dorva-DeLeon Company present what was considered one of the best all around attractions of the course.

The programme was one of the most varied that has been given in the city for many seasons. Madam Dorva is an operatic soprano singer with probably the best trained voice that hes been heard in this part of the country in some time. She sings in many languages, in solos and duets with Professor DeLeon. She also plays several instruments.

Professor DeLeon is a versatile instrumentalist, and makes entertaining music with more than a half dozen different kinds of instruments. Mr. Rogers, the pianist, is a real artist and was so pronounced by all who heard him.

Miss Beattie's readings were a decided feature of the programme, and she was encored several times on her renditions of Irish and German brogues. The entire programme was thoroughly appreciated and those who were present felt that the ones absent, had really missed a treat.

The next number, which will come on January 19th, promises to be one of the most popular on the entire course. It is "Colengelo's Italian Band and Orchestra," carrying 13 people. Everybody knows what to expect from a good Italian band.

GENERAL METTS RETURNS.

Gen. James I. Metts returned last night from Raleigh where he attended the meeting of the special historical committee, appointed for the purpose of having North Carolina's part of the War Between the State written. General Metts stated last night that the money for carrying out the work is now guaranteed, but that the details had not been given out for the public.

Raleigh newspaper men in reporting the proceedings, made the error to refer to Mr. R. H. Ricks, of Rocky Mount, who was a member of the committee, as chairman, thus giving him credit for holding the honored position belonging to General Metts, of this city. The Star wishes to correct the error.

SAYS HOT WATER WASHES POISONS FROM THE LIVER

Everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it, before breakfast.

To feel as fine as the proverbial fiddle, we must keep the liver washed clean, almost every morning, to prevent its sponge-like pores from clogging with indigestible material, sour bile and poisonous toxins, says a noted physician.

If you get headaches, it's your liver. If you catch cold easily, it's your liver. If you wake up with a bad taste, furred tongue, nasty breath or stomach becomes rancid, it's your liver. Sallow skin, muddy complexion, watery eyes, all denote liver uncleanliness. Your liver is the most important, also the most abused and neglected organ of the body. Few know its function or how to release the dammed-up body waste, bile and toxins. Most folks resort to violent calomel, which is a dangerous, salivating chemical which can only be used occasionally because it accumulates in the tissues, also attacks the bones

Every man and woman, sick or well, should drink each morning before breakfast, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, to wash from the liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible material, the poisons, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

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Governor Authorizes and Requests All Prison Authorities to Allow All Convicts Christmas Holidays.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—Governor Craig is directing the superintendent of the State's prison, the sheriffs of all the counties and the officers in charge of the county and State convict camps the State over to extend Christmas leave of absence to all prisoners who have been "trusties" during the ten days prior to this date (December 22). The leaves of absence are to include Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Christmas, all those thus paroled to be back in their prison quarters by noon Monday, December 27. The order in full as it is being sent out, follows:

"You are hereby authorized and requested to allow each and every prisoner who has been a trusty for the ten days period to this date to return to his home or other place chosen by him, and to remain away from the camp or prison during Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 24, 25 and 26, provided each trusty pledge his honor and satisfy the officer in charge that he will return by 12 o'clock on Monday, December 27.

"You are further authorized and requested to give to all of the prisoners in your charge a holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 24, 25 and 26. You are furthermore directed and requested to report to me on or before January 1 your action in accordance herewith and the results, and the names and conduct of each prisoner paroled."

Dr. Hill to Write History.

It develops that the committee from the North Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans having in hand the movement for the writing of an authentic and condensed history of North Carolina's part in the Civil War, has placed in the hands of Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, a guarantee of $25,000 for the cost of such a work and authorized him to close at once a contract with Dr. D. H. Hill to take the work in hand with provision for ample clerical assistance, the contract to cover probably four years. Dr. Hill will accept the commission and it is very probable that this will mean his definite resignation from the presidency of A. & M. College rather than a leave of absence as some have suggested.

The history that is to be written is planned to consist of two volumes of about 600 pages each. It is to carry copius foot notes that will give definite authority for every feature of the history. It is to be illustrated in the most thorough manner possible and the purpose is to see to it that the publication is on such a basis that not only the State demand will be fully met, but that copies will be placed in all the libraries of the whole country that are of sufficient standing and importance.

Dr. Hill is the author of the North Carolina volume of General Evans' History of the Confederacy and of Hill's North Carolina History. Readers and one of the joint authors of "Agriculture for Beginners," a text book of recognized merit.

North Carolina at Gettysburg.

The Gettysburg committee appointed at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Division, United Confederate Veterans to co-operate with the North Carolina Gettysburg commission in preparing the history of North Carolina's part in the Battle of Gettysburg, has just authorized a special committee to prepare the matter now in hand for the press with the expectation, as the committee expresses it, "North Carolina's claims in this great battle will soon be proven to the world." The committee on publication includes Judge W. A. Montgomery, Col. Bryan Grimes, Dr. D. H. Hill and R. D. W. Connor. General James I. Metts, of Wilmington, and Col. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, were the members of the committee of the Veterans' Association, that just conferred with the Gettysburg Commission. Judge W. A. Montgomery has just completed an authentic account of North Carolina's part in the battle.

WILL NOT ACCEPT JUDGE CONNOR'S CONSTRUCTION.

Possession of More Than a Quart Unlawful, Says Recorder Wooten.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 22.—Judge T. C. Wooten, of the Kinston recorder's court, made a statement last night that he will not accept Superior Court Judge George Conner's construction of the quart law. Judge Connor last week in superior court here charged a jury that a person may have as much liquor as he wants for personal use. Judge Wooten says he has been approached by many persons who wanted to get a line on what his action would be following Judge Connor's declaration. If a person can have all the whiskey he wants for personal use there is nothing to prevent 10,000 gallons coming into Kinston for Christmas, Judge Wooten says. He will continue to consider the possession of more than a quart by an individual for any purpose a violation of the law, he declares.

S. A. L. TAKES APPEAL.

From Damages Awarded Raleigh Man by N. C. State Courts.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Supreme Court was asked today in an appeal filed by the Seaboard Air Line to determine whether a railway is negligent in not removing ice covered with snow from paths of its right-of-way used by its employes.

North Carolina State courts awarded J. T. Renn, a pump repairer, of Raleigh, $3,500 as damages after falling on ice covered by snow which had ormed from the overflowing water from a tank at Cochran, Va.

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THEATRICAL

"The Battle Cry of Peace," comes next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for three days in Wilmington, ahead of every other city in the South.

Not long before the European war an Englishman wrote a play that disturbed British confidence in unassailable superiority. He delivered his message through the stage. American dramatists have remained silent. Discussions of our unpreparedness for war have filled magazines and newspapers; for a full year it has been the talk of the man on the street, yet the issue remained without dramatic expression until Commodore Blackton read Hudson Maxim's "Defenseless America," from which the germ of "The Battle Cry of Peace" was born.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" is not alone a stupendous show of navy, army, militia, bombardments, fires, shrapnel, general destruction, but it is a drama that will touch the very heart strings of your being, will move your feelings to the point of tears. The great cast that enacts the play is headed by Charles Richman, one of America's foremost dramatic exponents, assisted by a great Vitagraph cast including Norma Talmadge, Louise Beaudet, James Morrison, Mary Maurice, Lucile Hammill and Rogers Lydtton.

"The Battle Cry of Peace" is the only motion picture production to see which Wilmingtonians will gladly pay prices up to $1 to witness—and the crowds on the second night will be double the first night's record. If you want seats for either the second or third days, you will be compelled to have them reserved at the advance sale which goes on tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, standing room will be at a premium afterwards.

Today at the Bijou.

Today at the Bijou the big feature is a two-reel Bison drama, one of those thrillers which come along not every day nor every week, entitled, "The Connecting Link" and starring Edythe Sterling and Sherman Bainbridge in the leading roles.

"The Connecting Link" is a theme that lends itself readily to big exploitation in pictures and the result is a photoplay that teems with big punches and thrills on every hand, some big surprises in the way of climactic finales to the differtnt scenes. One of the especially notable and thrilling scenes is a gigantic powder explosion—one of the greatest scenes ever staged.

Another notable feature is a stirring single reel Laemmle dramatic feature, "Does it End Right," starring beautiful Gretchen Lederer, a vivid and pulsating drama.

Then there's a screaming Nestor comedy, "Operating on Cupid," starring Ray Gallagher, Billie Rhodes and Neal Burns.

Marguerite Clark—Royal.

Dainty Marguerite Clark, star of many a great Paramount success, presents her very greatest feature at the Royal today, a filmization of the story "Still Waters" written by Edith Barnard Delano, in one of her most effective characterizations of her whole motion picture career.

Beginning as a quaint comedy with a very delightful romance, the story gradually develops into a thrilling drama which reaches a tremendous climactic degree of power in the rescue of Nestra, the girl impersonated by Miss Clark, from a burley circus ring-master who has trapped her in a canal boat, whither she has fled to escape his objectionable attentions.

"Still Waters" with its beautiful rural vistas, the novel canal boat atmosphere, the reproduction of an entire itinerant circus, and its amusing comedy and unusual dramatic strength, enables Miss Clark to display in a measure hitherto unsuspected her versatile and bewitching powers.

The above is the criticism of "Still Waters" from the Motion Picture World, which we offer without further comment than to urge that every patron of the Royal avail themselves of the opportunity to see it.

The Castles Tomorrow.

Many were kept from downtown yesterday on account of the snow, therefore there are plenty of good seats left for either performance of the Castles in "The Whirl of Life" to be presented Friday and Saturday at the Victoria. Many phone orders were filled yesterday, and it is expected that the sale will be brisk all day today.

The Castles have contributed this great feature for the entertainment of their thousands of admirers all over the country. It is the one and only big production in which they have ever appeared in this manner, and besides being a wonderful pictorial exhibition of their wonderful dancing, is one of the most gripping and vivid romantic dramas of the year, filmed by the Cort Film Corporation, makers exclusively of extraordinary feature photoplays.

Seats should be reserved today, as the best quarter seats are going fast, and you will save trouble and time at the box office by having your seats already reserved.

At the Grand Today.

Today the Grand offers another one of those great Broadway Star Favorite dramatic features, a three-reel masterpiece entitled "For the Honor of the Crew," starring James Morrison with beautiful Muriel Ostriche in the leading roles assisted by Edward Elkas and Charles Cook.

A surprising and pleasing feature of this drama is the reproduction of a great regatta day at Poughkeepsie without a single detail lacking. W. S. P. Earle is responsible for the production which received higher commendation than any feature for the past month. The story of "For the Honor of the Crew" tells how a broken oar almost lost an important race for a varsity crew, but for the investigation which disclosed that it had been cut. The culprit was found, but the "Honor of the Crew" saved him from receiving punishment for his dastardly deed.

A big Lubin scream is "Half a Million" starring the inimitable Billie Reeves in the leading role.

"Sari" Carries Its Own Orchestra.

The keystone of every production of operetta is the orchestra, a fact which Henry W. Savage never forgets. Every musical production that he sends out carries its own orchestra and leader; the music must be played spiritedly and accurately or the effect is lost. If the music is slurred and slighted, the principals and chorus are bad and upset and a bad performance is given. That is why Mr. Savage always sends a carefully trained orchestra and an experienced leader with very musical production he puts out, and why his productions are always eagerly booked and do a big business. "Sari," the sensational operetta success which Mr. Savage offers at the Academy of Music on Saturday, January 8, has music of a high quality, sparkling, joyous, piquant, rising to grand opera heights in the big numbers, yet always comprehensible and charming to the untrained ear, and a large orchestra is carried to play it. Besides his many light opera productions, Mr. Savage was the original producer of grand opera in English in this country and the orchestra for either sort receives his personal attention.

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As "Columbia," in "The Battle Cry of Peace."

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World's Most Versatile Woman in "The Whirl of Life", Victoria Tomorrow and Saturday.

DR. MURPHY NOT IN CONTEMPT.

Charge of District Court Dismissed by Judge Anderson.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Justice Anderson, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, has discharged a rule for contempt of court served last week on Dr. Walter C. Murphy, formerly of Pender county, N. C., as he sat in the outer room of the criminal court arranging his bail in connection with the death of a young woman in his office. His wife, Mrs. Mary S. Murphy, had charged that the physician had disobeyed the court by not paying an installment of alimony due on the preceding day.

Dr. Murphy, in his answer, filed through an attorney, A. Leftwich Sinclair, explained that he was in custody from December 14 to December 16, and that he had no opportunity to arrange for the payment of the alimony. He disavowed any discourtesy to the court, and declared he is willing to make the payment overdue and to meet the future payments when due.

Senator Overman has received a letter from District Attorney Lesley, saying that he would personally investigate the charge against Dr. Murphy and see that he has a fair trial.

THOMAS E. STRIPLING MAY NOT GET CHRISTMAS PARDON

Strong Influences Said to Be Against Freedom of Georgia Man.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Thomas Edgar Stripling, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1897, escaped from jail an dduring his fourteen years of freedom became chief of police of Danville, Va., probably will not receive as a Christmas present a pardon from Governor Nat H. Harris, as had been expected. He has been in prison since his identity was discovered in 1911.

Governor Harris said last July he would free Stripling and intimated he would do it before this Christmas. Records in the care are in the hands of the prison commission and it is understood strong influences against a pardon or parole have been brought to bear. The records have not been turned over to Governor Harris in time for him to act before Christmas.

FOREIGN TRADE STUDIES IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

To be Discussed by Conference Called by Claxton.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A plan for the immediate introduction into the high schools and colleges throughout the country of special courses of study for foreign trade and the consular and diplomatic services will be discussed at a special educational conference called by the United States Commissioner of Education, P. P. Claxton, on Friday, December 31, in connection with one of the sessions of the Second Pan-American Scientific Congress which opens here on Monday, December 27th. Addresses will be made by college presidents and professors from many parts of the country, by business men, trade experts and representatives of the Departments of State and Commerce. Following a round-table discussion of the plan, a committee will be appointed to make a report to Commissioner Claxton.

This feature of the Congress has received the special attention of Dr. Glen Levin Swiggett, assistant Secretary General, who as professor of romance languages in the University of Knoxville, has been deeply interested in preparing young Americans for commercial work in Latin-America as well as for the government foreign service. In connection with an announcement regarding the conference, Dr. Swiggett said:

"Congestion and expansion lead invariably to foreign trade; but the war in Europe has done more to create interest in foreign trade than anything else in the last century. This sentiment is especially manifest in the larger ports and trade marts on inland routes, and it is for these centers that we should plan at once a vital course of study for foreign trade. Various large business corporations already have evolved methods of training their employes for foreign trade. This, however, must have its shortcomings and cannot be permanent. What is needed is the formulation of a definite plan for introducing specially designed courses of study in our regular educational institutions, and it is hoped that such a plan will be decided upon at the conference."

DOCTORS TO REPORT.

All Cases of Tuberculosis to Bureau at Sanatorium.

(State Board of Health.)

The Bureau of Tuberculosis of the State Board of Health is now ready to enforce the law requiring physicians and institutions of the State to report all cases of tuberculosis coming to their attention. Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of the State Sanatorium, is superintendent of the Bureau of Tuberculosis and is making every effort to put this law into effect as soon as possible.

The State institutions and all physicians have been informed as to the nature of the law and plans of the work, and no time will be lost in putting it into operation.

The object of this law, it is claimed, is two fold. In the first place it is absolutely essential to know the number and location of all cases of tuberculosis in the State if the disease is to be speedily and successfully combatted. In the second place, knowing the location of cases of the disease, home instruction may be given the patient and family direct which it is thought will greatly prevent the further spread of the disease.

A Honolulu man has patented a process for coloring light-hued pineapples by injecting cane sugar syrup.

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What, Pantalets? Yes, Actually!

Pantalets an Artistic Detail of a Costume in Bronze Tones

The Pantalet of Early Victorian Days, Revived now in a Modern Dance-frock

Almost Oriental Trousers are Pantalets of Purple Satin Under a Dinner Gown of Peacock Blue and Silver Brocade

Not Until You Look Twice Does This Costume Reveal Its Silver Lace Pantalet

The Natural Companion of the Early Victorian Hooped Skirts--Pajamas, Riding Breeches and Transparent Petticoats Were Forerunners of This Winter's Pantalets.

PANTALETS made their first appearance on Fifth avenue away back in early November. Rumors of them had stirred the fashionable world, of course, for last season pantalets were seen at some of the European summer resorts—the few playgrounds of Europe not devastated by war. But thus far pantalets had been merely a rumor—only a fearsome possibility, as were bustles and hoop-skirts about a year ago. Now, fashion has adopted both these grotesque styles from an earlier era, so there seems no reason why pantalets should not have their little day also.

Pantalets on the Stage.

The first pantalet appeared, as has been said, back in November, when a young woman stepped from a taxicab in front of Delmonico's wearing a short frock of biscuit colored chiffon, distended over several hoops, below the skirt pantalets, also of biscuit chiffon, were gathered into a little frill just above the ankle, showing just an inch or two of cream colored silk stocking and patent leather slippers. Next day all the papers recorded this astounding occurrence and in no time pantalets disported themselves in the show windows of the big shops, and flaunted their demure coquetry in the fashion magazines.

Last season pantalets made a tentative appearance on the stage. One example is cited in the negligee of white chiffon and lace, pictured today. There is something indisputably fetching about this negligee in spite of its fearsome boldness. When it appeared every woman in the audience breathed a long "Ah-ah!" of appreciation, but no woman dared to copy the fascinating garment for her own wear at home. Most husbands would have objected; those who did not object would have jeered. But this season pantalet negligees are the craze and some of them are enchanting. For example, a negligee of pink Georgette crepe and silver lace which has a coat of the pale pink crepe, embroidered in silver, falling to the knee, above baggy pantalets of silver lace over pink silk, gathered under anklets of swansdown. The wide sleeves of the coat are edged with swansdown and the garment is belted with pink and silver brocade, the sash-ends falling in front, supporting silver tassels. The negligee in the picture has pantalets of white messaline silk edged with swansdown. Over them is draped a sort of tunic of white chiffon, gathered at the back into a crystal bead tassel. A little coat of lace, edged with swansdown, opens over the white messaline underslip, and a conventional rose in old pink and green adds a smart and telling color touch at the waistline. The cap of white messaline and swansdown has a crystal bead tassel.

A Captivating Stage Negligee of Lace, Chiffon and Swansdown

Pantalets on the Skating Costume.

Some of the skating costumes of the winter show short skirts—just to the knee—over "pantalets" of silk which meet the top of tall skating boots. These so-called pantalets are really no more nor less than ordinary silk bloomers, like the bloomers worn beneath bathing skirts, and they are rather a pretty idea in the skating costume. If the top of the skating boot were several inches lower and the "pantalet" correspondingly longer, the effect would be horrible, but the tall boot gives an effect of trimness below the knee-length skirt and an inch or two of full bloomer.

The Pantalet As This Winter Sees It.

Several costumes from the most exclusive retail establishments in Manhattan have been selected for today's page, to give an idea of just how the pantalet up-to-date makes part of woman's ensemble. That the effect is not very fearsome, after all, most will admit. In fact, in one or two of the pictured frocks it is rather captivating; really prettier than the transparent lace flounce which hung below short dancing frocks last season—a daring idea but not always a graceful or charming feature of the costume.

The pantalet frock which will doubtless attract most attention, among today's photographs, is the really delectable dance frock of lace and crystal paillettes and beads, a model reproducing the frilled and hoop-skirted creation of early Victorian days. The pantalets, worn under the short, lace-frilled skirt, are of silver tissue, shirred around the ankle and finished with a fringe of crystal beads. The skirt is very wide—of gathered net as far as the first lace ruffle. Below this is very thin white silk, run with a hoop at the hem. The lace ruffles are pailletted with crystal and are set on the skirt with crystal bead fringe. Under the net overskirt is the skirt of thin silk, to which are attached the two lower ruffles. Crystal bead fringe trims this silk underskirt over the hips, showing through the net drop. The bodice is made of strings of crystal beads and the bead sleeves are especially beautiful. White silk roses trim the overskirt and are tucked into the girdle. It would be a prude indeed who could raise any possible objection to the gay little fringed pantalets which peep so coyly from under the fluffy skirt of this delightful Victorian gown.

If the aforesaid prude has anything to object to, perhaps she would better confine her attention to bodices of opera and dinner gowns of the period and leave inoffensive little pantalets alone. Certainly the decolletage of the pantaleted gown in another illustration leaves little to the imagination. The skirt and short train are of white taffeta brocade and the train is bordered with sealskin. Under the draped and slashed skirt is visible the pantalet—of white silk with an edge of silver lace and narrow trimming of sealskin. A bow of silver ribbon gives special coquetry to the pantalet. The bodice—so-called—is made of a strip of silver lace, draped over at one side with the white brocaded taffeta, and a little seal colored chiffon and some cleverly arranged sealskin effect a trim girdle. The rest of the bodice is—pearl beads.

Pantalets have a strange relationship to Turkish trousers in another gown—a superbly colored dinner gown of peacock blue and silver brocade. The draped overskirt and twin-point train are bordered with handsome silver lace, the bold pattern of which carries out the Oriental suggestion in the gown. The brocade is in a wonderful shade of peacock blue, very beautiful in combination with silver; the pantalets are of purple satin, also silver trimmed, and the bodice is of silver lace over flesh-tinted satin. A piping of purple velvet edges the bodice at the top and the slippers are purple and silver brocade.

In the afternoon frock of bronze-toned velvet, pantalets are introduced as a coquettish detail. They do not obtrude themselves at all for they are of bronze-toned taffeta with bands of bronze velvet and blend in with the color scheme of the costume. They are, moreover, not gathered around the ankles but taper to the shape of the leg, fitting closely over the bronze silk stocking. The gay, swinging tassels which decorate the pantalets are their chief claim to coquetry. The frock is a particularly charming one for formal afternoon occasions, and even if one chooses to omit the pantalets, the style of the costume is worth considering carefully. The skirt of velvet is circular in cut and flares widely at the foot, though the weight of the velvet holds this flare in soft, heavy folds. Because of the uneven length of this skirt it is faced with light tan silk, to match the tan chiffon in the bodice; if desired, the skirt could be cut in ordinary length and this facing and the pantalets omitted. The bodice of bronze velvet is slightly draped at the waistline above a shaped girdle which gives the effect of a pointed basque. The manner of slashing the bodice in deep points over a yoke of chiffon is clearly indicated in the picture. The sleeves of chiffon have draped velvet cuffs to the elbow. Over the tall collar of chiffon is a skeleton strap-collar of velvet—an interesting detail which adds to the smartness of the bodice. Bronze beaded slippers accompany this costume.

Complexion Problems of Midwinter

IT is much more difficult to keep the skin in fine condition through the winter months than from April to November. In summer time perspiration takes care of the complexion. It keeps the pores open and the skin free of impurities. It bleaches the skin also, and makes it younger and fresher—less leathery, in fact—so that rosy color glows through.

The face, especially in winter, should be thoroughly washed with a clean washcloth, or with the palms of the hands, every night and every morning; at night with warm water into which a pinch of borax has been dropped, and in the morning with very cold water—as cold as can be borne. Once or twice a week, preferably twice, the face must be treated to a regular scrub-bath, a massage and an application of cold cream.

First, tie a ribbon snugly around the head to hold the hair back from the face, or don a boudoir cap if you prefer. Draw a basin of warm—almost hot—water and drop in a heaping teaspoonful of borax. Lean over the steaming water a moment or two, manipulating the flesh of the face over the steam. Then, with a soft face-brush and pure glycerine soap, scrub the face thoroughly, cheeks, brows, chin, nose and the skin all around the ears which has a way of becoming grimy in winter if not carefully attended to. When the face is beautifully clean and glowing, massage it patiently for ten minutes with a good face cream, using two fingers in a light, firm and persistent stroke, always tending upward. Here is an excellent recipe for skin food.

Half an ounce each of white wax and spermaceti. An ounce each of cocoanut oil and lanolin. Two ounces of oil of sweet almonds. Melt all together in a porcelain saucepan, remove from stove and beat in an ounce of orange flower water and three drops of tincture of benzoin. Continue beating until the mixture is soft and fine of texture, about the consistency of rich cream. Then set in a cool place in covered jars.

After the massage, bathe the face again in warm water, then rinse in cooler water, then again in cold water.

Soothing oils must be supplied to the skin in harsh weather, by means of a good cold cream.

Finally, go over every bit of the face with a lump of ice, holding the ice, partly covered by towel or a clean wash-cloth.

After this treatment the face will look wonderfully fresh and vivified, but there are other things which must help the bath and massage. Plenty of air in the lungs is an imperative necessity. Nine women out of ten breathe too lightly—a good deep breath almost never gets to the bottom of their lungs. This is another reason why the skin is better in the summer. Exercise demands deep breathing, and deep breathing drives impurities from the blood. Stand before your open window each morning, wrapped in a warm bathgown, of course, and draw in slowly twenty deep breaths, expelling them slowly, also. Then close the window, hie to the bathroom and take your cold plunge—or sponge, as you prefer—rubbing the whole body briskly with a rough towel afterward.

If you notice that the muscles of face and chin are sagging and displeasing little lines are beginning to appear around the eyes and mouth, use this stringent wash two or three times each week. Add a teaspoonful of fine table salt to a cup of fresh milk and bathe face and neck with the mixture. Do not wipe the face dry; pat it lightly with the palm of the hand. The milk should be allowed to remain in the pores of the skin. Several women who have tried this vouch for its wonderful results in tightening up sagging face muscles and smoothing out lines.

There is one other item in the treatment of the complexion in winter—a most important item it is, too. And its name is—food. Eat properly at all times if you want to retain a fresh, fair complexion into old age. Improper food can turn even the loveliest skin of girlhood into a dull, lifeless, muddy skin at thirty. It is hard to resist good things to eat (and drink) but resist one must, if the complexion is valued. One cup of coffee a day can hurt nobody, but four cups of coffee a day will soon ruin the best complexion. Too much butter, oil, fat and rich gravy or fried food will make the skin coarse, and perhaps cause it to break out. Too little oily food, on the contrary, will give a leathery skin, easily wrinkled. Every woman knows the danger of sweets. Over-indulgence in candy and pastry is almost certain to ruin the fine texture of the skin. The rule of one sweet a day, one meat a day, three pints of water a day and plenty of fruit and vegetables is a safe one to go by.

Because winter winds are dry and dust-laden the skin must be kept scrupulously clean.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON QUIET AND LOWER

March Closed at 12.16 With the General List Showing a Decline of from Two to Seven Points.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton was very quiet today with prices showing a tendency to sag off under moderate offerings. March declined to 12.15 in the late trading and closed at 12.16 with the general list closing steady at a net decline of 2 to 7 points.

The opening was steady at unchanged prices to a decline of four points in response to relatively easy cables. A rally on light covering and some spot house buying of near months carried prices back to about last night's figures immediately after the call, January selling at 11.95; May at 12.46 and July at 12.60. It seemed, however, that the spot house brokers who brought the near months were selling the later deliveries while Liverpool was credited with selling as much May as it purchased and also with selling October. There also was some scattered local and New Orleans selling, while demand seemed pretty much confined to covering of shorts or replacing near month sales in the later deliveries and prices worked gradually lower during the afternoon.

The low point was reached in the late trading when January sold at 11.86; May at 12.38 and July at 12.52. The text of the second note to Austria seemed to be without any effect on the market and trading was on a preholiday scale during the entire day. Some of the reports coming in from the Southwest say that farmers show little disposition to sell spot cotton below 12c for middling, but there was nothing in the trading here, so far as suggested by the talk around the ring to suggest any increased pressure in the day of hedges.

Cotton futures closed steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	11.87	11.92	11.86	11.87
March	12.19	12.22	12.15	12.16
May	12.43	12.46	12.38	12.39
July	12.65	12.60	12.52	12.54
October	12.30	12.33	12.24	12.25

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 11.69; receipts, 13,255; exports, 9,378; sales, 1,250; stock, 404,867.

Galveston—Middling, 12.10; receipts, 14,239; exports, 17,603; sales, 192; stock, 352,382.

Mobile — Middling, 11.50; receipts, 719; sales, 25; stock, 29,617.

Savannah—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 3,988; sales, 550; stocks, 228,863.

Charleston—Middling, 12.00; receipts, 501; stock, 102,006.

Wilmington—Receipts, 231; stock, 39,664.

Texas City—Exports, 4; stock, 3,190.

Norfolk—Middling, 11.50; receipts, 1,838; sales, 655; stock, 128,665.

Baltimore—Stock, 7,370.

Boston—Middling, 12.10; receipts, 1,002; stock, 10,700.

Philadelphia—Middling, 12.35; receipts, 53; stock, 3,623.

New York—Middling, 12.10; receipts, 167; exports, 2,689; sales, 2,500; stock, 313,226.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 3,521; exports, 4,521; stock, 56,350.

Total today—Receipts, 42,704; exports, 34,191; stock, 1,677,335.

Total for week—Receipts, 62,115; exports, 80,101.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,895,131; exports, 2,133,798.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 12.05; receipts, 7,246; shipments, 8,251; sales, 2,055; stock, 235,596.

Memphis—Middling, 12.12; receipts, 6,418; shipments, 4,029; sales, 1,500; stock, 340,841.

Augusta—Middling, 11.50; receipts, 1,202; shipments, 859; sales, 1,179; stock, 209,264.

St. Louis—Middling, 12¼; receipts, 4,491; shipments, 3,526; stock, 15,612.

Cincinnati—Receipts, 627; shipments, 1,059; stock, 20,940.

Little Rock — Middling, 12.13; receipts, 659; shipments, 1,490; sales, 1,490; stock, 46,523.

Dallas—Middling, 11.55.

Montgomery—Middling, 11.50; sales, 14.

Total today—Receipts, 20,743; shipments, 19,214; stock, 868,776.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Dull and Price Changes Narrow—Closed at Decline.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—Cotton was dull on this market today and price changes were narrow. Toward the end of the session something of a soft tone developed and the close was at the lowest, a net decline of five to seven points. Officially the tone on the close was called barely steady. The market opened slightly lower, in response to poor cables and in the early trading lost 3 to 5 points. Spot accounts were favorable especially those from Texas, and toward the middle of the day the market was 1 to 2 points over yesterday's close on the strongest months. This was the highest of the day. Dullness worked against values in the afternoon, the ring finding it difficult to absorb scattered offerings from liquidating longs.

A feature of the day was the report from several Texas points that farmers were steadfastly refusing to sell their cotton under 12c, basis middling, notwithstanding middling in this market was quoted at 11.69.

Cotton closing bid: January 11.70; March 12.03; May 12.30; July 12.46; October 12.14.

Spot cotton quiet, unchanged, middling 11.69.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 22. — Cotton: Spot, steady; good middling, 7.96; middling, 7.63; low middling, 7.19. Sales, 6,000; for speculation and export, 1,000. Receipts, 11,100. Futures, barely steady. December, 7.39; December-January, 7.39; January-February, 7.39; February-March, 7.37; March-April, 7.35½; April-May, 7.30½; May-June, 7.26½; June-July, 7.23; July-August, 7.19½; August-September, 7.05; September-October, 6.89; October-November, 6.84.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22 — Cotton seed oil was quiet and featureless, with prices a shade easier. Trading was of an evening up character for the most part. Closing prices were 1 to 3 points net lower. Sales, 7,200 barrels. Spot, 8.41; January, 8.41@8.43; February, 8.41@8.45; March, 8.40@8.42; April, 8.44@8.49; May, 8.50@8.51; June, 8.52@8.60; July, 8.59@8.60; December, 8.50@8.90.

WHEAT PRICES ARE LOWER

Largely Due to Pause in Export Buying Close Was Weak, at 1⅝c. to 2⅜c. Net Decline—Corn Gains.

Chicago, December 28. — Wheat values underwent a setback today owing largely to a pause in the export buying. There was a weak close at 1⅝ to 2⅜c. net decline, with December at 1.21⅝ and May at 1.23. Corn gained ⅛@¼ to ⅜@½. Oats finished unchnaged to a shade lower, and provisions varying from 15c. decline to a rise of 5 cents.

Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat—December, 1.21⅝; May, 1.23.

Corn—December, 70⅜; May, 74⅛.

Oats—December, 42⅛; May, 45½.

Pork—January, 18.17; May, 18.35.

Lard—January, 9.60; May, 9.87.

Ribs—January, 9.77; May, 10.10.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.23½@1.25; No. 3, red, 1.16@1.20; No. 2, hard, 1.22½@1.23&; No. 3, hard, 1.17@1.20¼.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, nominal; No. 4, yellow, 68@69½; No. 4, white, 67@68¾.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50c.

ROSIN—Large, $5.10; small, $4.90

TAR—$2.10-8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal.

Quotation same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal Rosin, $3.15. Tar, $2.00-8½c. Crude turpentine, firm, $3.25, $3.25, $2.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 3

Rosin 2

Tar .. .. .221

Crude Turpentine 112

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 2 casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 42 barrels; crude turpentine, 48 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11¼c. Quotations same day last year, 7¼c.

Receipts—146 bales; same day last year, 1,432 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 135,023 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 90,461 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Wilmington, Dec. 22.

Atlantic Coast Line—146 bales cotton; 66 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—3 casks spirits turpentine; 2 barrels rosin; 44 barrels tar; 89 barrels crude turpentine.

Worth J.—93 barrels tar.

A. P. Hurt—18 barrels tar.

Total—146 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 2 barrels rosin; 221 barrels tar; 112 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 22.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 40c. to 45c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—80c to 90c.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c.; good demand.

PORK—Small, 10@11c. per pound.

SHEEP—Gross: Old sheep, 3@4c.; lambs, 3@5c. lb.

WOOL—Burry, 19 to 28c.; black wool, 17 to 20c; first class white wool, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c.; dry flint, 17@20c. per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. per lb. Good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c.; spring, 20c to 35c. head. Geese, 55c. to 60c. per head. Ducks, 35c. to 60c. owing to quality. Turkeys, 15c to 18c. lb., alive; 20c to 22c., dressed.

EGGS—27c to 28c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 22.—North Carolina Peanuts—New crop, market firm. Fancy hand-picked, 84c.; No. 1, machine picked, 77c. per bushel

Virginia Peanuts—New crop, steady. Jumbos, 66c.; fancy hand-picked, 55c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop firm; No. 1, small, machine-picked, $1.00; Jumbos, 90c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec 22.—Spanish: Farmers' stock: Market, firm. New peanuts, dry and clean, $1.15 per bu.; new, green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock: New fancy Jumbo, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb.; new, extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; new prime, 3c. per lb.; new, shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22. — Mercantile paper, 3@3¼; sterling, 60 day bills, 4.69½; demand, 4.72¾. Cables, 4,73¾. Bar silver, 54½; Mexican dollars, 42; government bonds, firm. Railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, easier; sixty days, 2½@2¾; ninety days, 2¾; six months, 3. Call money, steady; ruling rate, 2.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 22. — Hogs—Weak. Bulk, 6.00@6.50; light, 5.65@6.35; mixed, 5.95@6.60; heavy, 6.10@6.60; [illegible] 6.25; pigs, 4.25@5.40.

[illegible] Firm. Native beef steers, [illegible] Cows and heifers, 2.85@6.25@9.50.

[illegible] ady. Wethers, 6.00@6.75; [illegible].10; lambs, 6.75@9.60.

[illegible] eldom used silverware in [illegible] prevent it tarnishing

WAR STOCKS PROMINENT

Such Issues at Metal Shares and Mercantile Marine Active and Higher in Broad Market.

New York, Dec. 22.—Metal shares as well as mercantile marine preferred and various industrial and equipment issues of the so-called war class figured prominently in today's broad market, most at materially higher quotations, but rails and investments generally participated only in minor measure.

American Smelting again led the list, rising 1-2 to 1.06 1-4, its highest prices since 1908 while Anaconda, Utah, Gren Cananea, China, Butte Superior, Inspiration, National Lead and Tennessee Copper were higher by 1 to almost four points. The movement in these stocks was predicted largely on an additional advance in the price of refined copper to 21c. According to unconfined reports gyen higher prices were offered for immediate delivery of large quantities. It was also reported that foreign interests, chiefly British had contracted for millions of pounds of copper deliveries to run all through the coming year.

United States Steel made moderate response to further optimistic trade advices which epitomized the state of that industry as at the "boiling point." There were some backward features in that part of the stock list, however, Bethlehem Steel falling 14 to 460, regaining ten points in the final trading. General Motors common and preferred were heavy, presumably in connection with the proposed change of control.

Oil shares were the outstanding issues of the last hour. Mexican petroleum changing hands in round quantities at an extreme advance of 1 5-8 to the ney high record of 1.03 3-8. Prices elsewhere shaded to a marked extent some early gains, including that of smelting, being considerably reduced. Dealings were much larger than on the preceding day, total sales amounting to 537,000 shares. The Austrian note anent the Ancona episode had little or no effect, prices as a whole being at their best after publication communication. Foreign affairs were viewed with more complacency or indifferences and exchange to leading European centers was for the most past stronger.

Heavy trading in Angio-French 5s which aggregated $2,274,000 was the distinguishing feature of the irregular market at quotations ranging between 94 3-4 and 94 7-8. Total sales of bonds (par value), amounted to $4,875,000. United States registered 4s, advanced 1-2c on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	32
American Beet Sugar	69
American Can	60
American Car and Foundry	77¼
American Cotton Oil	54⅛
American Locomotive	68¾
American Smelting	105⅝
American Sugar	115⅝
American Tel and Tel	128½
American Tobacco	200½
Anaconda Copper	89
Atchison	105½
Atlantic Coast Line	111½
Baldwin Locomotive	116¼
Baltimore and Ohio	92½
Bethlehem Steel	470
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88
Canadian Pacific	179⅝
Central Leather	52⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	61⅞
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	93½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	16⅝
Consolidated Gas	145¼
Continental Can	82⅞
Crucible Steel	72¾
Erie	41½
General Electric	174⅛
Great Northern, pfd	125½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	48⅝
Illinois Central	105
Interborough Consol. Corp	28⅝
Kansas City Southern	31⅛
Lehigh Valley	28½
Louisville and Nashville	128⅛
Liggett and Myers	245
Lorillard Co	185
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	15½
Missouri Pacific	4
Mexican Petroleum	102¾
National Lead	65½
New York Central	105⅝
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	74¾
Norfolk and Western	120¾
Northern Pacific	116
Pennsylvania	58½
Reading	81⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	54⅝
Seaboard Air Line	18
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39⅝
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	62
Studebaker Corp	168¼
Southern Pacific	101
Southern Railway	22⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	61⅝
Tennessee Copper	59¾
Texas Co	231¾
Texas and Pacific	14½
Union Pacific	136¾
United States Rubber	54⅝
United States Steel	86
United States Steel, pfd	116¾
Utah Copper	79⅞
Virginia-Caro. Chem	47
Va. Iron, Coal and Coke	62
Wabash, pfd "B" Ctfs.	28⅞
Western Union	87
Westinghouse Electric	68⅞
United Fruit	149¾

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 22.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal 4.89; molasses 4.12; refined quiet.

Butter—Unsettled.

Cheese—Firm.

Coffee—Spot quiet; No. 7, Rio, 7 7-8; Santos No. 4, 9c.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton goods and yarns were steady today. A firm tendency was noted in fine cloths, laces and embroideries are becoming scarce. Knit goods were active. Worsted yarns were quiet and firm with an upward tendency.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 22.—Turpentine firm 50 1-2; sales 125; receipts 144; shipments none; stock 14,727.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,091; receipts 644; shipments none; stock 73,588. Quote: A B C D E F G H I, 5.15; K, 5.80; M, 6.25; N, 6.75; WG, 7.00; WW, 7.25.

The first factory in the United States for the manufacture of synthetic camphor has been established at Philadelphia.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 23, 1915.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 26 degrees; at 8 P. M., 42 degrees; maximum, 44 degrees; minimum, 25 degrees; mean, 34 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.56 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 8.3 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday fair, light to moderate variable winds.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 23, 1915.

Sun rises .....7:15 A. M.
Sun sets .....5:08 P. M.
Day's length .....9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	11:09	11:18	6:06	6:47
Southport	9:01	9:13	2:51	3:32
Masonboro Inlet	8:50	9:02	2:31	3:12

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 22, 1915.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p. m.
Abilene	clear	72	36	.0
Asheville	clear	48	22	.0
Atlanta	clear	50	34	.0
Augusta	clear	50	28	.0
Baltimore	clear	44	..	.0
Birmingham	clear	56	38	.0
Boston	clear	36	24	.0
Charleston	clear	46	32	.0
Charlotte	clear	44	28	.0
Chicago	cldy	42	28	.0
Galveston	clear	64	52	.0
Jaxville	clear	54	34	.0
Memphis	pt cldy	56	40	.0
Mobile	clear	62	42	.0
Mtgomery	pt cldy	58	34	.0
N. Orleans	clear	70	46	.0
New York	clear	36	24	.0
Oklahoma	clear	64	38	.0
Palestine	clear	70	42	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	46	30	.0
Raleigh	clear	46	26	.0
Savannah	clear	50	32	.0
Shreveport	clear	68	36	.0
St. Louis	cldy	56	34	.0
Washington	clear	44	24	.0

BELIEVE NOW IS NOT TIME

FOR ARMISTICE FOR PEACE

Belligerents Should First Express a Desire for Negotiations.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Swiss Federal Council believes that this is not the proper time to offer its good offices to belligerents for the negotiations of an armistice or preparations for peace negoiations, according to a declaration made in the Swiss parliament today by M. Hoffmann, head of the political department of the Federal Council, as quoted in a Havas dispatch from Berne.

M. Hoffmann's declaration was made in reply to an interpellation by M. Greulich, representing the socialist group, who said he was satisfied with the answer of the Federal council, adds the dispatch, and there was no debate.

M. Hoffmann, according to the correspondent said that the course of events would be followed with the greatest of attention.

"We will be glad," his quoted remarks continue, "if, moved by sympathy for the belligerents and faithful to its intentions of neutrality, our little country can, if only in a small measure, contribute complete disinterestedness to the re-establishment of a durable peace so much desired. As long, however, as the belligerents themselves have not expressed a desire for peace all intervntion on the part of the strangers will not only be sterile but inopportune and considered unfriendly interferences. A peace proposal could thus prejudice the cause of peace."

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Lv. Lake Waccamaw .....7:57 A. M.
Lv. Bolton .....8:12 A. M.
Ar. WILMINGTON .....9:15 A. M.

Returning.

Lv. WILMINGTON .....6:20 P. M.
Ar. CHADBOURN .....8:15 P. M.

December 23, 24 and 25:

Lv. GOLDSBORO .....10:25 P. M.
Lv. Mount Olive .....11:01 P. M.
Lv. Warsaw .....11:23 P. M.
Lv. Rose Hill .....11:47 P. M.
Lv. Burgaw .....12:27 A. M.
Ar. WILMINGTON ..... 1:15 Night

Returning Dec. 24, 25 and 27.

Lv. WILMINGTON .....3:40 A. M.
Ar. GOLDSBORO .....6:38 A. M.

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No. 61. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia, and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 58. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. 6:15 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.
No. 48. 7:40 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. 6:05 P.M. Daily.
No. 63. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 59. 3:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 52. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. Pullman Cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 19. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. 9:50 A.M. Daily.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrightsville	Leave Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:56 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:01 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	a2:36 P. M.	a2:25 P. M.	.....
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c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	b:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	e6:40 P. M.	7:31 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	f7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
1:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P.M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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Secretary of War Tennant Believes People Will Support Government in Method of Raising Army. Parliament Prolonged.

London, Dec. 22.—The House of Commons today passed bills prolonging the life of the present parliament eight months and increasing the strength of the British army to 4,000,000 men. Both bills passed without division.

The army bill was passed in committee of the whole at last night's session after 14 hours sitting. The debate on this bill today prior to its final passage was brief and without feature.

The newly authorized army, H. J. Tennant, parliamentary secretary of war office, stated to the House tonight, is the largest army ever raised in this country.

Mr. Tennant gave interesting figures on the large reserve requirements of the army under modern war conditions, saying that it was necessary to have at home in reserve 1.8 men for every soldier in the field. This estimate was based on the monthly wastage of 15 per cent, which was the experience of the first year of the war. Thus the army of 1,250,000, which figures were given by Premier Asquith yesterday as to the present British force abroad, required 2,250,000 reserves in training at home, or a total force of 3,500,000 necessary for the prosecution of the war on the present basis for one year.

Mr. Tennant regretted that he was unable in any way to anticipate the premier's statement as to the numbers enrolled under Lord Derby's scheme. He said he could only share the hope of the members that the number of young unmarried men who failed to enroll was a negligible quantity, but he added, "We believe that the great majority of the members of parliament as well as the people of the country, are prepared to support whatever is recommended by the government, and if it is found necessary to resort to compulsion the government will have the great bulk of the country behind it.

Premier Asquith announced earlier in the day that the report on the Derby scheme will be made to parliament after the holiday recess.

VON PAPEN SAYS HE HAS NO FEELING OF BITTERNESS

Sailed from New York Yesterday for Rotterdam on Steamer Noordam

New York, Dec. 22.—Captain Franz von Papen, Germany's recalled military attache, left New York for Rotterdam today on the steamer Noordam bearing a safe conduct to Germany from the Entente Allies. He issued this final statement to the American people, saying:

"In leaving this country where I have received so many proofs of kindness and hospitality from Americans and others I deem it my duty to thank all those who did not permit their friendly personal feelings to be poisoned by the hatred created by the war among the nations.

"My thoughts turn back today expressly to those unforgettable days when I had the honor and good foreune to spend some time with the expeditionary force at Vera Cruz where I learned to admire the splendid soldierly quality and devotion to duty of the United States army.

"Personally speaking, no greater satisfaction could be given to me than the fulfillment of my ardent desire to be called home where soldiers are far more urgently needed than here.

"I leave my post without feeling of bitterness. I go home with the unshakable conviction that no efforts, however insistent they may be, will accomplish the fervent desire of our enemy to embroil our country with this great nation. Our neutral relations will and must, on the contrary, inevitably and gradually improve as it becomes clear to every intelligent and clear minded American that Germany is engaged in a fully justifiable and heroic fight for existence and the very life of the nation."

GUNBOAT SACRAMENTO BACK FROM PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI.

Conditions There Have Changed Considerably for Better.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.—Flying homeward bound pennants, and bringing a number of sick marines here for treatment, the gunboat Sacramento arrived at the navy yard today from Port au Prince, Haiti. The Sacramento also brought the body of Capt. F. F. Robart, U. S. N., who was killed by a fall from his horse at Port au Prince.

The little gunboat spent five months in Haitian waters and took an active part in the suppression of one of the revolutions which threatened lives and property of Americans, and which has so far resulted in the death of several American marines.

The Sacramento was among the first vessels to land American forces in Haiti during the worst of the fighting among the natives.

Conditions in Haiti have changed considerably for the better during the past month, according to officers on the Sacramento, but two regiments of American marines are still stationed at various ports.

Paymasters of the United States navy are in charge of each port, and efforts are being made to organize a native constabularly.

The Sacramento spent many months in Mexican waters and did active service in the protection of American interests at Tampico and Vera Cruz. She will proceed to Portsmouth, N. H., after the Christmas holidays.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22—Rev. Dr John H. Prugh, aged 64, for 20 years president of the Foreign Mission Board of the Reformed Church, died at his home here late today, following a long illness. He was well known in church circles throughout the United States.

London, Dec. 22.—The report that Sarah Bernhardt is dangerously ill, is characterized in a Havas dispatch from Paris this evening as unfounded.

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NATIVE-BORN CITIZENS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE

For Activities of Foreigners in United States.

Senator J. Hamilton Lewis Says They Have Fostered Unpatriotic Influences Among the Foreign Born Americans.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—Unpatriotic influences fostered by native-born Americans, growing out of the lack of harmony among classes and resulting in "an order of universal condemnation," were held largely responsible in an address here tonight by Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, for the activeness of foreign-born citizens condemned in President Wilson's recent address to Congress.

"It is appropriate," said Senator Lewis, who spoke before the New England Society of Pennsylvania, "to call attention to the truth that the native-born American citizen has been the educator of the foreign-born adopted American citizen."

"For the last ten years," he continued," there has been nothing in America which the native born American could find to praise. Everything has been unworthy of support or credit. This order of universal condemnation has been divided into two classes:

"First, the powerful, holding their power from wealth or the accident of position, could see nothing in the demand of the masses for justice except the cry of anarchy. They ever condemned the effort to equalize the privileges and opportunities of men as the protest of socialism. They concluded their arraignment of the poor for justice, the middle class for opportunity, and those who struggled for the acknowledgment of the laws of man and God, as either ignorance or crime.

"Here began the first damnation by one set of Americans of the other class in order to avoid listening to their complaints or respecting their grievances. Then followed the natural revenge. The under classes, cried out their condemnation against everything that was property or prosperous. This retaliation took the form of accusation against all law-makers as crooks, the impeachment of officials as embezzlers, and judgment and execution against all authority, political or religious, or possessions, earned or inherited.

"Then there arose in the community self-selected leaders, who to advance their ambitions for office or noisy recognition, capitalized these roarings of discontent under the hue and cry of—Down with society—Death to the courts—Contempt for the law—a scoff at religion and a defiance of God.

"The result was that in the last twenty years the new-born American and the imported American has known nothing of America except that it was a place where all other Americans certified there were no men of honor, no things of decency, no institution in which any man could have a purpose except to overthrow as being unworthy.

"As a remedy we should promptly establish by law that the right of a citizen to participate in elections is a duty; that the failure of the citizen to perform his duty at the ballot box consecutively for a certain length of time, should be punished by having the right of suffrage withdrawn from him. To this there should be added the further law, enforcing upon all who have enjoyed the benefits of naturalization, the duty to comply with citizenship as loyal Americans, and prescribing that any citizen whose conduct is such as to be unworthy of citizenship should upon the proof of such fact, have the citizenship withdrawn by the order of the courts. With these two remedies reserved to the government, there would be less disbasement of this high prerogative and more of devotion to citizenship in order to be worthy of its continued enjoyment."

PITTSBURG BANK FAILS.

State Department of Banking Takes Charge of Institution.

Pittsburg, Dec. 22.—Representatives of the state department of banking today took charge of the affairs of the Pittsburg Bank for Savings which failed to open this morning, and every effort will be made to effect a liquidation as soon as possible.

G. P. Getty, a bank examiner, was appointed temporary receiver. Small crowds collected at the entrances during the day, but there was no excitement. Bank officials expressed the belief that a 50 per cent dividend could be paid depositors within 60 days.

Bank Examiner Getty and President W. J. Jones, of the bank, issued statements today. Mr. Getty said the officials were not to blame for mismanagement, but were unable to unload old securities despite efforts of stockholders and directors to weather the storm.

Among the depositors of the bank are 41,000 school children, who had $167,136 on deposit.

EMPEROR WILLIAM OF GERMANY INDISPOSED

Berlin, Dec. 22, (by Wireless to Sayville).—Emperor William has postponed the trip he had planned making to the western front the Overseas News Agency announces, a slight indisposition making it necessary for him to remain indoors for a few days. The agency's announcement describes the emperor's ailment as "a slight inflammation of the cellular system."

London, Dec. 22.—An official message received today from Berlin described Emperor William's illness as "zellgewebentzuendung," (more frequently given as Bindegewebentzuendung."

Chicago, Dec. 22.—States Attorney MacClay Hoyne today refused to prosecute Dr. Harry J. Haiselden for not operating on baby Bollinger, a defective, in an effort to prolong its life. His refusal was voiced i na letter to Attorney General Lucey who had demanded that Hoyne cause the grand jury to investigate the case.

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ALLIED DIPLOMACY IS SEVERELY CRITICIZED

Skouloudis Says Greece Has Been Maligned

Declares in Balkan Movement the Entente Powers Have Badly Blundered in Diplomatic as Well as Military Sense.

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent under date of Sunday sends an interview with the Greek premier, M. Skouloudis, involving the strongest criticism of the diplomacy of the Quadruple Entente Powers in the Balkans. The Greek premier complained bitterly that his country had been maligned and his government attacked.

"But," M. Skouloudis is quoted as having said, "the fault was not ours. We tried to play the game as you English say, and if we failed it is the Entente, not we, who are responsible.

Declaring with emotion he had earnestly tried to see eye to eye with the Entente Powers and to avert bloodshed in Macedonia, M. Skouloudis said:

"The Allies have flouted and angered Greece instead of placating her. Instead of dealing openly with us they coquetted with Bulgaria while treating us disdainfully. The result is that they have fallen between two stools. If the Allies had come frankly to Greece and asked her aid and told her that she could count of a clearly defined recompense at the end of the struggle I affirm that Greece would not have hesitated for a single moment.

"Instead of this England and France began by demanding sacrifices from Greece. We were asked to co-operate in the Dardanelles and at the same time to relinquish Kavala and Seres to our bitterest foes; to give up, in fact, our riches provinces, which had been won by Greek blood.

"We were free to shed our blood in an attempt to force the Dardanelles, but we were warned that on no account must be dreaw of marching to Constantinople in the event of an Allied success. In fact, it was expressly forbidden in the event of our success for the Greeks to show their national flag within 50 miles of the ancient Byzantine capital."

Remarking that the Greeks had not forgotten Gladstone and Great Britain's noble labors in the past in behalf of Greece, Premier Skouloudis continued:

"You have bullied us and we turned the other cheek uncomplainingly. We honestly sought to aid you, and proffered you aid which you rejected."

Stating that the Greek staff had offered a plan by which the Dardanelles might have been forced, but that the Allies refused the advice, Premier Skouloudis contended that in allowing the Entente Allies to come to Saloniki, Greece had gone to the utmost limits of frindship but had been treated with such humiliation in turn that she had been almost goaded into hostilities against the Entente.

Then coming to the existing situation with the possibility of an Austro-German, and perhaps a Bulgarian invasion, the Premier concluded:

"So as I see it, Greece is to be ravaged by a cruel, relentless war because the Entente Allies have badly blundered in a diplomatic as well as a military sense."

BARGE POTOMAC ABANDONED?

Cutter Seminole Reported on Search —Nothing Known Here.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 22.—The coast guard cutter Seminole has gone to sea to search for the barge Potomac, reported to have been abandoned. The Seminole was last reported cruising in the vicinity of Frying Pan Shoals lightship.

No details concerning the fate of the crew of the Potomac are available here.

The coast guard cutter Seminole left Wilmington Tuesday afternoon, ostensibly on her regular cruise along the coast to Charleston, having come into port and taken on supplies following a regular cruise up the coast. No report of the abandonment of the barge Potomac had been received in local marine circles up to last night, so far as could be learned.

VARNA, BULGARIA REPORTED CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS

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plied. The firing lasted from eight to ten o'clock in the morning; then ceased, apparently owing to the fog, and the squadron returned to Kali Akra, about noon.

"Simultaneously with this bombardment, two Russian bungoats opened fire on the Bulgarian frontier near Ekrene."

DEFENDS GERMAN INTEGRITY.

Reichstag Proves Moral Union of Parliament With Government.

Berlin, Dec. 22. (Via Wireless to Sayville)—Among the items given out today for publication by the Overseas News Agency was the following: "The official periodical of the German trades unions today publishes a review of the international situation. It says that hte reichstag once more has proved the moral union of the German parliament with the government to defend Germany's independence and integrity against enemy aggression.

"The chancellor's speech, it says, shows the readiness of the government to enter into peace negotiations, and that Germany does not aim at the suppression of other nations. The chancellor clearly stated that he did not want to prolong the war in order to conquer more territory. The chancellor's speech was different from the speeches of statesmen of enemy countries. These statesmen speak of Germany's annihilation, while the chancellor is willing to discuss a sensible peace proposal."

GENERAL VON EMMICH DEAD.

Conqueror of Liege and Commander of Germans Upon Invading Belgium.

Berlin, Dec. 22. (via Wireless to Sayville)—The death at Hanover of General von Emmich, the conqueror of Liege, is announced by the Oversea News Agency. General von Emmich died of arterio sclerosis.

"Despite the admonitions of Emperor William," says the news agency, "General von Emmich was utterly regardless of his health, declaring that soldiers in war time had no business to think of his personal well being."

General von Emmich was commander of the tenth army corps. He figured prominently in the early events of the war, being in command of German troops which invaded Belgium.

The heavy German loss at Liege was said to have shattered the confidence of the general.

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WILL EXPORT GRAIN

German and Rumanian Negotiators Agree on Method of Payment.

Berlin, (via London), Dec. 22.—According to a Bucharest dispatch, the exportation of 50,000 carloads of grain of various sorts has been finally arranged, a satisfactory agreement on the method of payment having been reached between the German and Rumanian negotiators.

CANADA FIRM FOR CONCLUSIVE PEACE

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tegrity and maintain the honor of our Empire

"The pledge thus given has been most fully redeemed by the Canadian people.

"I do not propose to argue or affirm the justice of our cause. The great controlling facts have been firmly established and they are widely known. Upon these facts the people of the neutral nations must found their own conclusions. The Canadian people are impressed with the most earnest and intense conviction that our cause is just and that it will prevaoil. Undoubtedly it concerns the powers, influence and destiny of Europe. But we are convinced beyond all question that this conflict is of vastly wider significance and that its determination must exercise a profound influence upon the world's future. Mankind have never been so grievously oppressed by the 'peine forte et dure' of militarism and armaments as during the past half century. This is not an inspiring record after all the aspiration, the effort and the sacrifices of a thousand years. All the lives sacrificed and all the treasure expended in the struggle will have been in vain if humanity must still endure so intolerable a restraint added to the staggering burden which this conflict will itself entail upon all the warring nations. Such, however, would be the result of an inconclusive peace. The people of the British Dominions are animated by a stern resolve that there shall be no such outcome. It is for the future peace of the world that we fight to the end. The chief insignia of a civilized nation are orderly government and respect for the law. A world-civilization which cannot establish and maintain an equally high international standard will assuredly crumble. If it founds itself upon the jungle creed, to the jungle it will return.

"A Canadian medical officer who was taken prisoner by the Germans told me that one of the first questions asked by his captors was this: 'What did the English say to induce Canadians to fight for them?' I have heard the same idea in the British Islands when gratitude was expressed to Canada for assistance to Great Britain in this war. This is by no means the viewpoint of Canadians. We take part in this struggle because the destiny of the world-wide British Commonwealth is our destiny, because as one of its great nations we are determined to preserve its power and its influence; and because we conceive that, as one of those nations, there is for us the highest opportunity to advance the cause of humanity and civilization, to do our part worthily in the world's work."

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New Pirates' Manager.

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James J. Callihan, who was succeeded last year by Clarence Rowland as manager of the White Sox, has been named by Barney Dreyfuss to succeed Fred Clarke as manager of the Pittsburg National League club. The contract is for two years. Callahan recently accepted terms to manage the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast League, and the owners are satisfied with a deal proposed by Dreyfuss. The minor leaguers will receive some players for allowing Callahan to join the Pirates.

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